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Suspect ID'd in high school shooting incident

■ *Nobody was hurt in the incident, which wasn't reported for three weeks.*

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — A single shot from a .22 caliber rifle was fired at an Albany High School student on the afternoon of March 4 on Key Route Boulevard, although school administrators did not learn of the incident until nearly three weeks later.

"We have probable cause now ... we are ready to make an arrest," said Police Chief Larry Murdo on Tuesday as the suspect, who has been identified, was being sought. According to Murdo, the suspect is a student at a high school in neighboring Contra Costa County, and the incident appears to be "culturally-related," and neither gang-related nor random.

The intended victim was not hit by the shot, which was fired from a car on Key Route Boulevard. "It

does appear that there was some altercation at the (Albany) school grounds" the day before, Murdo said, in which the victim was "involved in some capacity."

Though the events and motivations that led up to the incident will not be known until the suspect is arrested, "We know we have a felonious assault with a deadly weapon," Murdo said. The suspect will also face felony charges of discharging a firearm from a vehicle, and possibly others. Had the victim been

struck and killed, the suspect would face first degree murder charges, Murdo said.

"I don't know if that was (the suspect's) intent or not his intent," Murdo said, adding that the victim had previously attended the suspect's high school. Though the suspect appears to have discharged a deadly weapon — a .22 rifle — at the victim, Murdo also said that was not the "typical gang-related" weapon, and that investigations thus far have turned up no ties to gangs.

Delay in reporting incident

Perhaps the strangest part of the incident is the gap between when it occurred and when it was reported: nearly three weeks later. According to Principal Lois Woods-Green, she learned of the incident during a conversation with a student over school attendance, at which point other witnesses were contacted.

"It's part of that kind of code of silence you have with teenagers,"

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Checking in at former motel



Crews are hard at work on the former Idaho Motel, which will be converted into a 29-unit housing/rehabilitation facility run by non-profit Rubicon Inc. As work has advanced some plans have changed. Extensive dry rot and foundation problems have led to a decision to remove the L-shaped row of units (center photo) and an application is before the city to build a two-story 8-unit structure in its place. Other units (left) have been gutted for refitting as efficiency living spaces. The target is to complete the project by mid-September, barring rain or other delays. And in case you wondered, a recently exposed sign verifies that the Idaho was once AAA approved (top). Photos: Chris Treadway

Voters hear from county candidates

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — About 50 people came out last week to hear Contra Costa supervisorial candidates Jim Rogers and John Gioia talk about issues facing the West County area.

Sponsored by the El Cerrito Democratic Club and held at the Northminster Presbyterian Church on Ashbury Avenue, the forum featured the two candidates from District 1 answering questions from the audience on a variety of topics including emergency preparedness, needle exchange, public education and water, traffic and urban sprawl issues.

Saying his approach is "to get out into the community and try to change things," incumbent Jim

Rogers seemed to speak most passionately when answering questions about development and its resulting ills. Responding to a question about traffic congestion, Rogers said a county-wide coordinated approach is needed. He said individual cities cannot be allowed to continue unchecked growth. Noting that the current board of supervisors "is committed to limiting sprawl" Rogers said the old ways of largely uncoordinated development leads to "loss of farmland, loss of hill-sides and loss of open space."

Rogers also said the issue of traffic congestion is tied directly to development. "If you don't control land use, you're going to have a lot of transportation problems," he told the audience.

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An important first step

■ *Gottschalk's officials hear a community presentation and tour Capwell's the building.*

By Chris Treadway
Journal editor

The news came out on Tuesday, but it was no April Fool's joke.

Monday morning proved quite eventful for 5,418 area residents who overwhelmingly support the effort to bring a department store to the El Cerrito Plaza. Senior executives from Gottschalk's, including company Chairman Joe W. Levy met with Kathie Perka and community representatives to discuss the possibility of locating a store in the Emporium building at the Plaza.

Perka is the instigator of a petition drive that attracted 5,418 signatures asking the Gottschalks and

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Dillard's chains to locate a store here. She was joined by community activist Anne Delehunt, City Councilmember Larry Damon (the only city official in attendance), and Chamber of Commerce manager Sewall Glinternick in making a presentation to Gottschalk's officials at Mira Vista Country Club.

Accompanying Levy were Jim Flamalette, Gottschalk's president and chief operating officer; and Mike Osorio, northern regional vice president of stores.

Gottschalk's wants to review the potential up and downsides, as well as crunch all the numbers involved in possibly opening and operating an El Cerrito store, but is taking the possibility seriously, participants said.

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Mayor invites community to kickoff of 'Services for 21st Century'

Mayor Jane Bartke has issued the following invitation to El Cerrito residents:

On behalf of the El Cerrito City Council, I wish to extend to you an invitation to participate in the City's Services for the 21st Century program.

This important new program is designed to solicit citizen input regarding how best to balance the community's desire for future City services and facilities with the community's desire to have an acceptable level of municipal taxation. We will be examining, among other things, future police and fire services, recreation facility needs (including the swim center and soccer fields) and senior citizen services. This program will

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Young man's death stuns family, friends

'A spirit like that doesn't disappear'

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — "His death is just a moment and his life was so many beautiful, beautiful moments."

Those were the words of Bea Koehn, whose stepson, Michael Koehn, a former Albany High School basketball player and budding musician, was found dead on March 19 in San Luis Obispo outside a house tented for fumigation. A thoughtful, creative young man who took pleasure sharing what he learned and experienced with others, Michael Koehn was expected to graduate with honors from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo this spring. He was 22.

Koehn was popular and easy-going, humorous but never hurtful, and his death has devastated his large but close-knit family, which includes his mother, Suzanne Stroh, his father and stepmother, Paul and Bea Koehn, his two brothers, J.P.

and Edward Koehn, and his sister, Eileen McDermott. Remembered as a kind and sincere person, as an "independent thinker" who, though a business major, found his greatest pleasure in music, Koehn planned to "flounder about on my own, questioning endlessly for meaning, questioning constantly the reality of it all," upon completing his stud-

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—EILEEN MCDERMOTT, MICHAEL'S SISTER

ies this spring.

"He wanted to share, he wanted you to feel what he felt and share that," said his sister Eileen of the many areas of interest — music, writing, philosophy — pursued by Michael Koehn during his time on Earth. An introspective soul who also took great pains to find out what was going on with others, Koehn was remembered by hun-

dreds during two services held in his honor on March 22 and 23.

By all accounts, the roles played by Michael Koehn were many: best friend, son, brother and confidant, curbside philosopher, musician, poet, cartoonist, "so much beyond any kind of vessel words can be," said his mother. Though his interest in the mysteries of life ran deep,

Michael Koehn was also an easy-going, affable young man whose music simultaneously expressed joy and compassion, thoughtfulness

and searching, as well as a spiritual-ity he came to discover in the months following his stepfather's death last year.

After his parents divorced when he was 2, Koehn spent his youth moving between the Albany homes of his mother and father, who both remarried. The arrangement, said his stepmother, proved beneficial

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Michael Koehn with his sax.

Letters to the Editor

More frustration with Albany Post Office

Editor:

It's time to clean house at the Albany Post Office.

Jennifer Adams' letter of March 19 recounted her ordeal of dealing with customer-hostile employees at the Albany Post Office. Unfortunately, her experience was not an isolated one.

Last month, my wife and I went to the Albany Post Office to buy some stamps. The line was long, so I decided to use the stamp vending machine located inside the post office. The transaction required five \$1 bills. I had eight, so there should have been no problem. But the machine would only accept three of them — after which it refused to accept any others, or to return those which it had already accepted. So, while I waited by the stamp vending machine, my wife waited in the long line to ask for \$2 worth of change that we could put into the machine.

When my wife reached the front of the line, the woman at the counter would only give her \$1 worth of change. My wife pointed out that this wouldn't solve the problem, because the post office's vending machine needed an additional \$2 in change, not \$1. Rather than simply give my wife the second dollar's worth of change, the post office agent handed her a form to fill out and mail back to the post office, requesting reimbursement for the money that the vending machine would not return! Only after I protested angrily, did the postal agent at the other counter condescendingly give me the second dollar of change.

Employees like these should be reassigned or fired! In no other business would such uncaring, insensitive treatment of customers by customer service agents be tolerated. Yes, management may be partly responsible (for the malfunctioning machine and for hiring such incompetent staff) ... but the counter agents themselves must shoulder 95 percent of the blame for having neither the common sense to solve simple problems nor any concern whatsoever for the satisfaction of their customers.

Carl Imparato
Albany

Friends of Lucky Store are here

Editor:

Many El Cerritos support commercial development of both the Plaza and the Del Norte sites. During the City Council elections, I told every campaigner that restoring these business centers was a prime concern. Later, when I walked the precinct myself for Democratic candidates, I heard the same question over and over, "When are they going to do something about the Plaza?"

Local government has difficulty paying for the parks and creeks we have already. We read in the *Journal* about the volunteer efforts needed to clean public spaces.

Too many years have gone by with only talk, talk, meetings, meetings, meetings, and no permits, no new building, abandoned stores, overcrowded markets. The "Friends of Lucky Store" jam the aisles in both the Plaza and Del Norte stores.

We don't go to meetings and argue with the very vocal citizens intent on stopping development unless it's 19th century size. How long can these comparatively few block change? Who likes El Cerrito stuck in the past? Hey, get out of the way if you can't lend a hand! The times they are a'changin' — everywhere else. We've got a farmers' market as our big step into the future!

Geline Covey Molochko
El Cerrito

Interested in truth

The *Journal* received a copy of the following letter addressed to City Councilmember Larry Damon:

Good to know you agree with

Mr. & Mrs. Jon Smith
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Letters to The Journal
P.O. Box 1624
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Art Schroeder's facts on the effect of wealth on elections. Of course you disagree on his conclusions. But your buddy Robert Schnelker (Journal letters, March 26) attacks Art's methods and motives. Technically, the Jarvis/Gann-supported Citizens' Alliance may well NOT have contributed to your election kitty. But its members undoubtedly contributed generously as private individuals. Why don't you and Schnelker clear up this matter in the name of truth? Or are you interested in truth?

Dan Freudenthal
El Cerrito

Work together for a change

Editor:

As a liberal democrat, belonging to ACLU, Democratic party, Sierra Club, Audubon etc., I flinch when Art Schroeder and Dan Freudenthal seem to claim the "most liberal citizen" position in El Cerrito. They try to speak for all Democrats in their published letter campaign against Larry Damon. They harp on whether the \$1,800 spent on a brochure by the "El Cerrito Citizens Alliance" helped elect Larry, and seem to consider that sinister. I do not belong to the Citizens' Alliance. I know Democrats who do.

What got "Republican" Larry elected were the votes and support of many hundreds of ordinary folks: liberal Democrats, people on low and fixed incomes, dedicated environmentalists like myself. We realized that the self styled "El Cerrito progressives" have wasted countless millions of taxpayer dollars on increasingly hare brained redevelopment projects. One does not have to be stupid about money to be a Democrat! Each year, hundreds of thousands of El Cerrito tax dollars go to attorneys' fees, bond brokers, consultants. They are part of a mutually supportive network that has a symbiotic relationship with El Cerrito's political insiders' group.

Term limits were voted in at the State level by citizens who realized that any long term group becomes ossified. That new ideas and fresh people will always be needed. This applies to all human groupings, those with whom we agree and our political opponents. Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Freudenthal's hard earned life experience would have been better used to prevent waste of public funds. They failed to do this, and now we all have to pick up the tab. We are faced with an upcoming request for an increase

in city taxes. In truth, the city needs more money. But handing over more money to the same

group that has squandered millions on endless consultants and task forces may cause voters to "Just say NO!" Care to join the "deficit avoidance task force" and help clean up the mess?

Watch for a city invitation to participate under its new name, "Services for the 21st Century." Let us work together for change.

Rosemary Loubal
El Cerrito

Thank you University of California

To the University of California:

Thank you for your effort and success in providing a highly regarded education to the world and for your commitment to enhance the quality of life in the community surrounding Berkeley. You demonstrate that you truly understand the broader role of education to improve society. This commitment has been particularly exemplified by your providing field space at University Village to the youth of Albany, Berkeley and University Village for the playing of baseball, soccer and softball. Your wisdom and generosity over many years is greatly appreciated for you have provided the opportunity for our boys and girls to develop physical skills and learn about team work success and failure in a nurturing environment that is so important to effective childhood development. I am confident that during the current redevelopment of University Village the difficult negotiations and compromises needed to provide affordable student housing and community youth recreation facilities will be successful for all parties concerned. Where it takes a village to raise a child, you are truly a vital part of the village.

Allan Maris
Little League Coach, 1987-93
UC (Berkeley), MSE, 1967

Daylight Savings provides opportunity

Editor:

With the coming change to Daylight Savings Time, I would like to offer a tip: use the time change as a reminder to check your smoke alarm batteries and your emergency supplies. I rotate food and liquids with upcoming expiration dates out of my 3-day packs and other supplies, and replace anything that got used up. The time change is a great time to bring everything up to date, and then you can forget about it for another six months.

Paula Gray
Albany



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"It's a long way from the meeting we had to anything being signed, but it's an important first step," Delehunt said.

At Mira Vista, Perka, a former assistant store manager for the Emporium, presented a market plan she and Delehunt developed that showed the desirable demographics of an area underserved by large retailers compared to shopping areas in Corte Madera, Santa Rosa and Walnut Creek.

She also presented Levy with the most recent stack of petitions, tied up with a purple bow to Levy. Delehunt said he was "clearly impressed that so many people took the time to sign this petition indicating an interest in having Gottschalks here."

Afterward the chain's officials were taken on a tour of the Capwell's (Emporium) building, which is admittedly larger than the typical Gottschalks.

During the meeting, representatives from Gottschalks did express concern about the cost of advertising to reach this market given that they would have only one store in the area. They also asked about the availability of an educated and ready labor force, the economic viability of the project, as well as the relative advantage of locating at the El Cerrito Plaza versus the Hilltop Mall.

Interestingly, traffic congestion was turned into a selling point for the Plaza over Hilltop, with the case made that as congestion increases a growing number of shoppers are looking for alternatives closer to home.

If nothing else the community's message got through. "They realize the market is underserved," Delehunt said. "They have to make their own determination whether it's Gottschalks market."

One obstacle could be American Stores, which owns the Emporium building and apparently is intent on demolishing it. An American Stores representative had previously stated that no department store would be interested in locating at the Plaza, primarily because such stores like to have a similar store at the same location. In addition, the representative said, such stores typically expect a new building to be built and given to them.

The possibility of using the existing Emporium building would be a major departure. "Should Gottschalks decide to pursue this opportunity and discuss the financial costs of opening a store in the old Emporium building," Perka said, "I hope that American Stores will share my vision of an El Cerrito Plaza with a Gottschalks as well as a super Lucky store."

Perka said Gottschalks officials "appeared receptive to examining the economic viability of the project."

They promised to let me know as soon as they reach a decision."

City Community Development Manager Gerry Raycraft said officials have contacted Gottschalks several times in the past in the quest of luring a department store here, and "they thanked us for our interest but basically said they weren't interested in our market. I'm glad someone succeeded in bringing them to town. Maybe it will be a different outcome."

Raycraft said there is no denying the local desire for a department store, calling the possibility "something we'd welcome."

But as noted above, getting the retailer would be just one more "important step."

"I have no reason to believe there were problems" putting together an agreement with retailer, the city and the Plaza's two major owners, he said. "All real estate projects are difficult and when you have people with different times it makes it that much more difficult."

MEANWHILE: Hilltop has some department news of its own, announcing that an all-new 195,000-square-foot department store will replace Hilltop's current Macy's, opening in late May. Macy's will totally renovate and redesign the former Emporium Capwell. The old Macy's will close when the new store opens.

At the same time, Hilltop's Sears and J.C. Penney stores begin major interior renovations that they expect to complete in mid-August.

IT CAN HAPPEN HERE: Recent shootings in middle schools in the south and right here in the Area have focused attention on an increase in crimes by our young. And don't kid yourself — not only can it happen here, they are and probably will increase. That was the message last month delivered by Caroline Kelley and Robert Henderson of the Children and Families Policy Forum 404 to the El Cerrito Rotary Club.

The forum's Contra Costa County Children's Report Card shows that the juvenile arrest rate for violent offenses continues to rise in the county even though the statewide arrest rate is over 50 percent higher in 1995 than it was in 1990 — is down. The juvenile percentage of total felony arrests in the county has been higher than the statewide percentage for the last 10 years. And Henderson says we can expect the rate to continue increasing in the next decade.

One of the forum's recommendations is to start school programs, preferably at the school site, to give otherwise idle kids something to do. Anyone who has heard Mayor Jane Bartke outline El Cerrito's goals for the coming year — and she has done it a lot lately — knows that such an expansion is listed as a "high priority" for the city in the coming year.

NEWS FLASH: E-mailed in from Susan Cerritan Lori Dair: "Sustainable El Cerrito and Janet Abelson has just been named 'Citizens of the Year' by the California Transportation Foundation for her advocacy work on behalf of the Bay Area disabled community. Each year the Foundation recognizes outstanding performance and achievement in transportation by presenting 'TRANNY' awards to deserving projects and people. Janet will be honored at the 9th Annual TRANNY awards banquet on May 6 in Sacramento. Congratulations, Janet!"

KWIK-E-MART: Harding Park and the new play structure at adjacent Harding Elementary School are featured on the cover of El Cerrito's spring/summer city brochure in the form of an art by EC's own Debbie Weeks. The play area, incidentally, has made Harding one of the most heavily used park areas during non-school hours. Harding, by the way, did win city funding approval for a crossing guard, but the El Cerrito police are still seeking a suitable candidate for the job. It's 8 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays. Interested non-felons should call 215-4444 drop by the police department (10900 San Pablo Ave.) during business hours for an application. For years Kensington police have favored the vacant gas station at Colusa Circle as a place to catch traffic violators. It's too bad the Kensington PD can't simply relocate to that building rather than displacing an established preschool and their police station undergoes seismic retrofitting. Bob Powers, the anti-abortion sign guy, continues to gain enemies. Not necessarily for his message, but for the way he conveys it. Powers, whose graphic poster board of a dismembered fetus sits in the driveway of his Santa Fe Avenue home just off Colusa Circle, has added new bumper stickers to his pickup truck that include swastikas. While they probably intended to convey the opposite of a Nazi sentiment, their presence has offended residents who find the symbol as repugnant as the posters themselves. Complaints have been lodged with Mr. Powers and local officials.

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Ex-smoker readies for bike ride of a lifetime

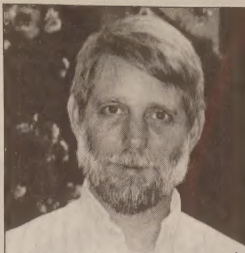
Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — There are bike rides, and then there are bike rides, and then there are unendingly grueling, 80-mile-a-day, 3,000-mile, week-long treks across a continent. Off on the adventure of a lifetime, Albany resident DuBose Scarborough says the upcoming Big Ride Across America will not, however, be the most difficult thing he has ever done. That would be licking a more personal demon: smoking.

"When I stop thinking about smoking for a week, I'll have succeeded. I'm not there yet," says the 48-year-old Scarborough, whose June 15 ride will raise more than \$6,000 for the American Lung Association.

Joining more than 1,000 other riders, 50 of whom are afflicted with lung disease and will ride with oxygen tanks strapped to their backs, Scarborough will spend his summer riding from Seattle to Washington D.C., crossing mountains, prairies, plains and flatlands on a quest to peddle from sea to shining sea.

"This is not a vacation. This is a fact an adventure," says Scarborough, who quit smoking in June 15 and shortly thereafter killed his bicycle out of the basement. That September, during the Stroll, Scarborough came across a Lung Association booth promoting the event, which is be-



ing billed as the largest cross-country bike ride in American history.

The Big Ride will also be the most strenuous physical undertaking in the history of DuBose Scarborough: through the cold, steep Rockies and the sweltering flatlands of the Midwest, riding an average of 80 miles a day, six days a week across the highways and country lanes on America. Though his present rides tend more toward the 30-mile range, Scarborough feels he will be ready come June, although he did recently express some concern to a friend about making it over the above-mentioned mountains.

"He said, 'Don't worry about the Rockies, you have to get over the Cascades first,'" says Scarborough, an office manager who works in Oakland and is also a father and grandfather. Already, he is taking the two-wheeled route to work and getting stronger by the mile, although, "So far as I know, the only way to really get

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—DUBOSE SCARBOROUGH

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Though Scarborough tried to quit smoking numerous times over the course of his 30-year habit, taking five-day camping trips without cigarettes only to later give in to the nicotine demon, his current smoke-free period, he hopes, will extend to the end of his days. He quit "for the same reasons everybody does ... you start being aware that what was once a gift must be earned," and because he found himself short of breath when working in the yard or running to catch the bus.

Bicycle riding has provided a way to keep from giving in, Scarborough says, and, with a 3,000-mile ride in his near future, firing up a butt appears the last thing on his mind. Though his own lungs will surely grow strong, the ride will also raise more than \$6,000 for the Lung Association, garnered from donations Scarborough himself is raising from colleagues, family and

friends.

According to Jennifer Petree, development director of the American Lung Association of Alameda County, the ride is expected to raise more than \$8 million all told, and will also include fellow Albanian Julie Moore and 14 participants county-wide. She says riders will range in age from 16 to their mid 70s, and in skill level from beginner to advanced.

"It's not professional riders, it's a wide variety of people," says Petree, who promises an equally wide variety of weather and terrain as the Big Ride and its supporting "mobile tent city" make their way across the country. Participants will sleep outdoors, although food and massages will be provided ("I think if you rode 80 miles a day you'd need a massage too," Petree said), and volunteer crew members are still needed (call 1-800-BIG-RIDE).

As for Scarborough, who admits "I've never done anything like this before in my life," he says his training is going well and that "It's really started feeling like something I can do."

"It's a challenge, but I will be as ready as I can be on June 15," he says. "I'm really looking forward to it. It's my adventure of a lifetime."

Those who wish to support Scarborough's ride can call him at 526-3052.



Shadow student

Travel consultant Jane Del Simone and El Cerrito High School business teacher Mari Alyce Romeo watch El Cerrito High junior Shalonda Reynolds go over travel bookings last Thursday at Full Circle Travel. Reynolds was a participant in the Rotary Club's 3-year-old Shadow Program, which allows interested students — between 17 and 20 each spring — to spend part of the day shadowing a business person at work. Romeo, who oversees the program at the high school's end, tries to determine participants' interests — "What they see themselves doing two years, five years from now" — and place them at an appropriate local business. Other participating businesses have included the police and fire departments, veterinarian, physical therapist, school administrators and electricians. Travel "is something I really like to do," Reynolds said. "It's very interesting to book people's flights and where they want to go." El Cerrito Rotarians hope to select one student from this year's group for a scholarship to Rotary's Camp Venture, a business/scholarship program.

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Services for the 21st Century

A Community Decision to Balance Future Services, Facilities and Taxes

What's it all about?

Services for the 21st Century is the name given by the El Cerrito City Council to the community consensus building program which will provide valuable citizen input that will become the foundation for the Council's future decisions regarding how best to **balance municipal services and taxes**. The program is designed to reach a community consensus regarding:

- the desired level-of-service for future municipal programs: police; fire; youth activities; senior activities, parks, roads, and community buildings;
- the estimated future resources to support the desired level-of-services and facilities;
- the degree and nature of the City's projected structural financial deficit, if any (the gap between desired services, facilities and estimated resource);
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NAACP Youth Council 'gives back' to community in heartfelt way

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — On a recent Saturday afternoon, about 25 old folks got together to hear young folks play musical instruments, read poetry and sing arias.

The dining room at the Shields Nursing Center on Carlson Boulevard served as the stage for a group of teenagers from the El Cerrito NAACP Youth Council. Green, white and yellow crepe streamers hung from the ceiling as one young man played the viola. "Right now I'm going to play a solo by Felix Mendelssohn called 'A Song Without Words,'" he told the seniors.

Sitting in wheelchairs and padded geriatric chairs and strapped in for safety, some of the old ones tapped the formica tabletops in time to the melody. Some smiled at the kids, while one old woman kept up a constant open-mouthed "ahh—ahh—ahh" throughout the music. One woman, whose stroke-withered arm was supported in a sling, clapped at the end of a song by tapping her good right hand against the nonfunctioning left. She did not speak.

Meredith Belany, 17, one of the musicians from the youth council, was asked why she came to play her violin for the elders. "We wanted to show our thanks to El Cerrito," she said. The city gives the group a price break on its Castro Park Clubhouse meeting place. Belany said it was her first time to come to the convalescent home. It was obvious that some of the seniors were lost in their own world, but Belany said "Maybe the music is touching them in a different way."

Michael Ross, the youth council president, is a powerfully built young man with a big heart, a big

smile and braces on his teeth. Fifteen-year-old Michael is a sophomore at Berkeley High. He said that his group has been involved in a lot of state-wide issues lately, and now they wanted "to do more for the community." He said he could tell that most of the audience appreciated the entertainment.

Ninety-two year old resident, the Rev. William Gaston was encouraged to sing (it didn't take much coaxing). "This song is to encourage anyone," he said to introduce his number. "If you've ever run out of tears to cry — this song is for encouragement — no matter what happens." He sang out in a coarse but pleasing voice: "The Lord will make a way somehow; He will take away your sorrows; Let him take away your burden now."

After that, the Reverend started up a round of "Give Me That Old Time Religion" and when the kids started in with their version of "Old Suzanna," most of the people in the room roused up a notch and many sang or tapped along.

Chandler Huntley, 17, a member of the youth council is also a member of UC Berkeley's Young Musicians Program. He read poetry and prose and sang arias by Goethe and Schubert.

Gertrude Hourula, another resident of the home, sat in a wheelchair a ways back from the others. When she was asked her age, she smiled and said "Gee whiz — I can't remember." But she listened closely to all the performances and she seemed touched by the music. "It's a real talent," she said and then added "I like the music and the poetry is fine too."

The Rev. Gaston said of the young musicians "Thank God for them — Jesus brought them here to

help us old folks." Gaston said he was a merchant marine for 12 years and that he "started preaching" in 1955. As for musical instruments, Gaston said "I can't play nothing but the radio," but he said he's been a singer all his life. "I used to sing the blues but the holy ghost got hold of me and now I sing for Jesus," he explained.

Late in the afternoon, Chandler Huntley read from the autobiography of American writer James Weldon Johnson. Huntley read in a loud and well-modulated voice and one passage, in particular, seemed to capture the day. Old men and women sat in wheelchairs, some dozing, wearing house slippers and false teeth, as Huntley read:

"I have only a faint recollection of the place of my birth. At times I can close my eyes and call up in a dreamlike way things that seem to have happened ages ago in some other world."



Members of the El Cerrito NAACP Youth Council gave a musical performance for residents at the Shields Nursing Home.



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Healing Hands

County seeks ideas to provide legal assistance for seniors

The Contra Costa County Office on Aging is accepting proposals for legal assistance programs aimed at people aged 60 and over.

County Office on Aging Director Robert Sessler said almost \$78,000 is available for the delivery of legal assistance services to senior citizens in the county. Proposed services must be provided countywide from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.

"Incorporated organizations which have the capability of delivering legal assistance services are encouraged to apply," Sessler said. "Bidders must direct particular attention to serving older minority persons and those in greatest economic or social need."

Completed proposals must be returned by 12 noon on April 6, 1998. For more information, bidders should contact Sharon Johnson at 313-1711.

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April 5

The Buddy Club; noon - 1 p.m.: Juggler and comedian Fred Anderson and Singer Dan Goldensohn; Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. at Masonic; 524-9283; \$6, children under two free.

I Got A Haggadah; 1 p.m.; the Ber-

keley Richmond Jewish Community Center presents this Passover play for young people; 1414 Walnut St. at Rose Street; 848-0237; adults \$5, children \$2.

April 7

Children's Programs at Berkeley South Branch Library; Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: Baby Bounce; 11 a.m. (ages six months - three years); Preschool Storytime (ages three - five); through May 12; 2090 Kittredge, Berkeley; 644-6860.

Ongoing

University of California, Berkeley

hosts the Lawrence Hall of Science's 1998 Summer Science Camps. At four great locations, environmental education. Four sessions run from June 15 through Aug. 7. Call 642-2275 for enrollment information and 642-5134 for registration.

The Senin Foundation for Japanese Cultural Arts; Monday through Thursday, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.; Martial Arts for Kids ages 5 - 14, instruction in aikijujitsu, yoga, healing arts and fine arts for mom and dad; 1053 San Pablo Ave., Albany; 526-7518.

Classes

Ongoing

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and other dances, Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.; Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

Tribal Bellydance with Luna, Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 p.m.

Worldbeat Workout with Kristina Rudolph is on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.; Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.

Children's Dance Class with Lisa Whitney on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.; ages 6-12, \$7 per class. Children's classes culminate in a multicultural movement show Saturday, May 9th from 6 - 8 p.m. \$8 Adults and \$5 for children to attend.

All class and events take place at 1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley, 528-1958, \$7-9 for drop-ins unless otherwise noted.

Berkeley YMCA Head Start offers free early child education (0-5 years old) to residents of Berkeley, Albany or Emeryville who meet federal low-income guidelines; 2009 10th St. or call 848-9092 and ask for Felicia. Also, the Head Start Pregnant Mother's Program. It's important to sign up in your first few months. Contact Sandra at 559-2090, or pick up an application at 1422 San Pablo Ave.

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Yoga at Noon; Thursdays and Fridays until 1 p.m.; Classes include stretching exercises, seated and moving meditation, healing arts, and breathing exercises. Japanese Yoga classes are also offered; Senin Foundation Center for Japanese Cultural Arts, 11053 San Pablo Ave., Albany; 526-7518.

Berkeley Yoga Center offers free introductory Yoga classes and other free events every Friday from 7-8:30 p.m.; 1250 Addison St., suite 209, Berkeley; Call 649-9812 for a full schedule of classes and workshops.

Health, Fitness & Community Education; classes open to all in salsa, flamenco, ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, modern jazz, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido karate, self-defense, fitness boxing, and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$7 - \$10 drop in fees.

Salsa Lessons; 7 - 8 p.m., beginners; 8 - 9 p.m., intermediate; Steve Friedman gives Salsa dance lessons every Monday night at the Francis Albrer Community Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley; 287-9501; \$7 for one, \$12 for both lessons.

Community Events

North Berkeley Senior Center

April 2; 1 p.m. documentary video; Poland

April 3; 1 p.m. video opera: The Magic Flute

April 6; 1:15 p.m. classical piano with Steve Aronson

April 7; 10 a.m. retirement housing options

April 8; 1 p.m. Classic Trio

April 9; 11 a.m. Chinese Calligraphy; 1 p.m. By, For and About Women with Dr. Helen Wheeler

1901 Hearst and MLK Jr. Way, 644-6107

Kensington 55+ Activity Center

April 2; 11 a.m.; Dorothea Fites shows slides, Ciao, Roma! 12:45 movie, Old time Comedy

Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146.

Ongoing

Women's Support Groups and

See GOINGS, page 40

RANDAL STEWART FOR CONGRESS

9TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: ALAMEDA, ALBANY, BERKELEY, EMERYVILLE, OAKLAND AND PIEDMONT

Randal Stewart has a clear vision for the 9th Congressional District. He believes that we must meet new challenges in the areas of economic development, education and health care. Stewart believes that HE is the one to be the team leader of the 9th Congressional District in Washington, D.C., to form partnerships that will explore all options and work towards the best solutions.

A native of Durham, North Carolina, Stewart received his B.A. Degree in Journalism from Howard University, Washington, D.C., and his M.A. Degree in Human Resources and Organization Development from the University of San Francisco. In his current position as Director of Human and External Resources for Family Service Agency of San Francisco, Randal's responsibilities include managing a Welfare-to-Work program, and training and staff development as well as conducting outreach in the community. Randal has distinguished himself over the last 20 years by serving on the boards of many professional and community organizations including:

- Board Member
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 - East Oakland Youth Development Center
 - Bay Area Black United Fund, Inc.
 - Patrons of the Arts & Humanities of the East Bay
 - The Lakeview Club
- Advisory Board Member
 - Berkeley Adult School Career Center
- Volunteer
 - Marcus A. Foster Educational Institute (VIPS) Program
- Former Commissioner
 - Oakland Citizens' Police Review Board



- Founder
 - Association of East Bay Human Resources Professionals

Stewart has talked with many of you so far in his walking tours through our neighborhoods. He has obtained feedback about your critical areas of concern. Therefore, Stewart has developed an action plan for his first 100 days in Congress.

HEALTH CARE

• Health care is a right and not a privilege. He will explore all health care options through the establishment of community and medical bridges where we work with doctors, hospitals, HMO's and health insurers to make sure that culturally competent care reaches all citizens of this District.

- He will also work with the U.S. Surgeon General, State and County health departments to address this issue.

EDUCATION

• Stewart will work with the Secretary of Education to identify financial resources to support innovative educational programs in 9th District schools.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

• Stewart will convene a 9th District small business-owner's task force to look at how the federal government can be more responsive to the needs of small and medium-sized business owners.

COMMUNITY INPUT

• Stewart will immediately initiate Quarterly Town Hall Meetings within the District and institute a Toll-Free 800 Line in Washington D.C.

Stewart believes that the 9th Congressional District deserves new Democratic leadership for the next millennium. Therefore, VOTE ON APRIL 7, 1998.

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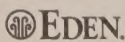
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Taxpayer's Association, Chevron, Council of Industry endorse bond

In separate actions last week, the West Contra Costa Unified School District's school bond measure, received significant endorsements from the Contra Costa Taxpayer's Association, Chevron, and the Council of Industry. Measure E will be voted on by West County voters on June 2 and seeks bond financing to construct a new middle school and execute crucial renovation projects districtwide.

The Contra Costa Taxpayer's Association is a county-wide organization which advocates for fiscally prudent and fair taxation of taxpayers by governmental entities. CCTA's executive vice president John Wolf discussed the financial underpinnings for Measure E with Associate Superintendent for Fiscal Services Eve Manalo and reviewed district financial reports received from Manalo. Wolf also reviewed the financial mechanisms for the proposed bond financing with the district's bond planning consultant, Aquacena Lopez. In a conversation last week Wolf called Measure E a "conservative, well-crafted measure" that received the positive endorsement of CCTA's board.

Because of its extensive property holdings in West

County, Chevron will pay the largest share of any taxpayer with the passage of Measure E. James Braden, a project manager for Chevron, said the company feels it is imperative that Measure E pass because of the great need for the new middle school and the planned renovation projects. Braden indicated that Chevron will be actively supporting the campaign for Measure E and hoped the campaign and other efforts would also help to galvanize increased volunteer support for the school district.

The West County Council of Industry also endorsed Measure E last week. COI membership includes Zeneca Research, Berlex Biosciences, Pacific Gas and Electric and others. COI executive director Dennis Spaniol said the vote was unanimous and demonstrated the strong support of the council for the passage of Measure E. "Council members feel Measure E would bring immense benefit to the children and youth served by the WCCUSD and also show that this community is willing to invest in their future," Spaniol said.

Measure E precinct walking kick-off

Measure E campaign organiz-

ers are planning to kick-off precinct walking activities on Saturday, April 11th. Walkers of all ages are welcome. Meet at 305 Cutting in Richmond at 9:30 a.m. for a short training and orientation. Students and elders will be matched with partners so that everyone is walking in teams. Call Measure E campaign manager Jim Ellis (724-5780) for more information.

WCCUSD Art Show

The WCCUSD's annual art show is happening now through May 16 at the Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Ave. in Richmond (corner of Barrett and 25th). The show features incredible works from the district's middle and high school students and will be open for viewing on Tuesday-Friday between 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturday noon - 4:30 p.m. The public is also invited to a special reception and awards ceremony on Thursday, April 9 from 6 - 8 p.m.

North & East Neighborhood Council raises \$\$\$ for books

The Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Richmond is having a day to benefit the North & East Book Fund on Saturday, April 18th. The day will include visiting authors and special events for children — 10 percent of all sales go to the book fund.

The North & East Book Fund is the effort of the North & East Neighborhood Council in Richmond. The goal is to raise \$3,000 to be given equally to the libraries of the Wilson, Grant, and Ford

Albany PTA Council News

By Belinda Lum

Spring Recess: There is NO SCHOOL from April 6 - 10. There is NO SCHOOL on April 13 due to a Staff Development day. On Friday, April 3, elementary schools are on Wednesday schedule and the middle school ends at 12:30 p.m.

PTA meetings

• **AHS and AMS** will hold a joint meeting on Tuesday, April 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the AMS library. The topic is: Parenting in the Teen Years, a discussion of communication between parents and teens with speaker Miriam Levine-

Alcala.

School board meetings

• **Board of Education** Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Albany PTA multi-use room.

Events/fund raisers

• **AMS Spring Concert** night at 7 p.m. in the Albany Athletic Boosters Flea Market held Sunday, April 26 from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Marin School yard. If you would like to volunteer or donate items call 8824 or contact Stacy Blevins 7631.

In Brief

Calling Albany High alums

In order to plan an event in conjunction with the demolition of the old Albany High School building and the construction of the new Albany Education Foundation is seeking mailing information on all AHS grads in the history of the school from 1937 through 1997. Anyone with a current mailing list for any AHS class is asked to provide it to AEF in either print form or on computer disk.

Lists may be mailed to AEF at 1320 Solano Ave., Suite 100, CA 94706. Details: 524-7797.

Summer kids' programs

New summer children's programs at the El Cerrito Community Center include Mosaic Art Academy, Tsunami Sports Academy, Sports Jamboree and the traditional daycamps. Mosaic Art Academy includes drama, miming, drawing, painting, hip hop music, dance and more. Tsunami Sports Academy offers weekly sports clinics for girls. Sports Camp Jamboree offers a different sport every one hour for grade 1 through 3. The traditional daycamps offer a variety of recreational activities for various ages at different locations. Information packets: At the Community Center, 7007 Mosswood Blvd. call 215-4371. Registration for El Cerrito residents begins at 10 a.m. April 6.

Still time to enroll in adult school courses

Albany Adult School, which has been providing adult education classes to the East Bay community for over 40 years, started its spring quarter March 30, and there is still an opportunity to sign up for a wide variety of classes including art courses, musical groups, body conditioning, gardening and plants for the bay area, computer applications, foreign languages, sewing and English as a Second Language. One offering is Intermediate Italian offered on Saturday mornings. Also "How to sell your house," from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Their experienced instructors are recognized by the educational and business community alike for their dedication and commitment.

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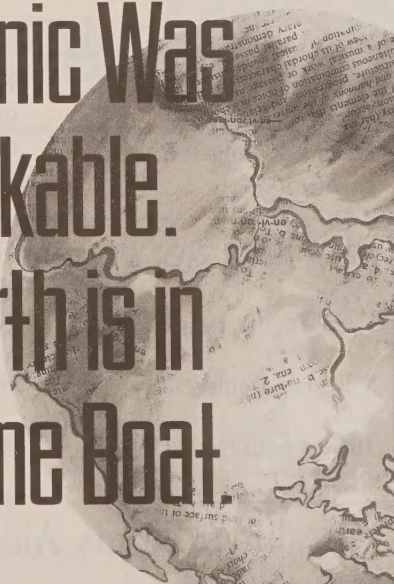
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BART plans to expand bike access to system

OAKLAND — BART directors last week approved a plan to expand bike access on the transit system by reducing the hours cyclists are allowed from trains and by making it easier to park bikes at stations. The vote, which came at the end of a contentious 90-minute hearing, was 10-1. Beginning in June, bicyclists will be able to board at least one commute-period train. BART now bans bicyclists from all commute-direction trains from 6:30 to 9 a.m. and 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Under the new policy, bicycle access would only be limited for 90 minutes in the morning and two hours in the afternoon, with bikes allowed on less-crowded routes. The new policy, which was hailed by bicycle activists who attended the meeting, calls for installing free

bicycle storage lockers at the Berkeley, North Berkeley, Ashby and MacArthur stations and for studying the possibility of expanding the free lockers to other stations. The meeting became unruly after Director Joel Keller called for cutting off discussion so he could vote on the issue before he went off to a speaking engagement. Director Dan Richard, who cast the lone "no" vote on the new policy, said, "I'm very embarrassed by what has gone on here today," referring to a confusing set of votes on cutting off discussion and various amendments. "We're sitting up here playing Keystone Kops," he said. But Director Willie Kennedy said that although the process may not have been pretty, "We haven't done anything illegal."

BART approves track retrofit plan

OAKLAND — BART directors last week approved a plan to spend \$245 million to retrofit older elevated tracks throughout the transit system to try to prevent them from collapsing in a major earthquake. Funding, however, remains an unresolved issue. The plan calls for reinforcing many of the concrete piers and foundations that hold up sections of elevated track, which were designed in the 1960s. The retrofit focuses on older track and not the newer BART stations, which were built to tougher standards mandated after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. Director Dan Richard called

the vote "a bureaucratic tool for budget negotiations with Caltrans" on how the retrofit will be paid for. BART hopes to persuade Caltrans to pay nearly 20 percent of the cost. Activist David Tam, part of a coalition opposing the extension of Alameda County's transit tax, supports the move but said it was a little late for public safety. "This is a move to distract attention from the scandal that you didn't make the safety of your passengers a priority but instead want to spend millions of dollars on an extension to Warm Springs in Fremont," he said. "You forfeited safety for expansion."



Join Skip Tuesday

Children of all ages are invited to the Albany Library to see Skateboard Skip and His Awesome World of Books performed by actor Kevin Costello of Costello's Children's Classics on Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. Costello is a one man extravaganza and quick change artist who takes children on a tour of many countries through the pages of books. The show includes a colorful set, costumes, music and audience participation. The program is free and is sponsored by the Alameda County Library Foundation through a grant from the Y & H Soda Foundation. Albany Library, a branch of the Alameda County Library System, is located at 1247 Marin Ave. for more information call the Children's Librarian at 526-3720.

Utility crews evaluating area power poles

You may have seen crews in El Cerrito in the past couple of weeks evaluating power poles along El Cerrito Avenue or treating poles with wood preservatives around Richmond Street. PG&E says it is part of an overall effort to test and reinforce electrical equipment throughout the system as a preventative measure in the event of continued severe winter weather. The utility includes 2.2 million power poles supporting 89,000 miles of overhead electric distribution wires, 776,000 transformers in El Cerrito's overall service area, including over 60,000 poles in central

and northern Alameda County and western Contra Costa County (which encompasses Pinole, Richmond, El Cerrito, Albany, Berkeley, Oakland, and other nearby communities). PG&E engineers are completing an inventory of all the poles to confirm the exact location and status of each. Updated pole information is entered into a computer database, which PG&E safety engineers and crews use to schedule regular pole inspections, maintenance, repairs, or replacements. Poles are visually inspected on a regular basis and tested periodically for structural strength. When necessary, poles are treated with a wood preservative that slows the rate of

wood decay. When a pole has outlived its useful life, it is replaced with a new pole. "Pole testing and treatment allows us to extend the life of our poles," said Jerry Morgan, director of pole asset management. "Our 'test and treat' program has helped us determine that fewer than 4 percent of the poles actually need to be reinforced or replaced." Since 1996, crews have replaced more than 32,000 poles and reinforced over 1,500. In central and northern Alameda County and western Contra Costa County, PG&E has replaced over 1,000 poles through 1997 and expects to replace or reinforce over 1,500 more in 1998. According to Morgan, as a pole

ages, it begins to decay and loses its strength. If the decay is significant enough to cause a safety or reliability concern, PG&E puts in a new one. In many cases, however, the pole's life may be prolonged by reinforcing it. When a pole is reinforced, it is treated with wood preservatives and a U-shaped steel truss is driven into the ground beside it. The pole is then attached to the truss. This procedure can extend the pole's life by approximately 10 years. The utility contends that the program has environmental benefits as well. "Because we have been able to significantly extend the life of the poles, it will eliminate the need to harvest thousands of trees in the future," Morgan said. PG&E's request for funds to continue to maintain its poles is contained in its 1999 General Rate Case which is being considered by the California Public Utilities Commission this year.

Egg hunt fun at Arlington Park

Hop, skip, jump, leap, whatever your means of transportation is, just get over to the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the city of El Cerrito. The hunt will be held at the Arlington Park, 1120 Arlington Blvd. on Saturday, April 11 at 10 a.m. The hunt is only available because of the generous donations of community organizations and businesses. The El Cerrito Fire Department

will be on hand to show off their shiny fire trucks and the El Cerrito Police Department will have free fingerprinting available for children's identification purposes. The Easter Bunny will be on hand to give treats and take pictures with your children. Be on time, because rain or shine, the hunt starts promptly at 10 a.m. If you would like to make a donation or for further information, call 214-4376.

Lions monthly tea dance is Sunday

The Kensington Lions club will hold its monthly Tea Dance on Sunday, April 6 at the Porto Brasil, 385 Colusa Ave., Kensington. The dance is from 3 - 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person.

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Police Reports

Family held up after dining out

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 9 p.m. on March 26 a resident came to the police station to report that he and his wife, with their infant child, had been robbed at gun point while at the Sizzler parking lot. They were getting into their car when two black males, one wearing a green coat, stole their wallet and purse. The robbers were last seen walking east on Portland Avenue. The police searched the area with negative results.

• On the afternoon of March 22 a resident on the 1100 block of Curtis Street reported that thieves had stolen two bikes and one computer from his garage. There were no witnesses.

• At about 3:30 p.m. on March 23 the vice principal at Albany Middle School reported that a male Albany High School student, who he was able to identify, attempted to steal money from a middle school boy. The attacker pushed the boy down and hit him in the face. He was last seen leaving the school on a bike. Police will investigate and contact the high school boy, who is an Albany resident.

• On the evening of March 23 a resident on the 800 block of Ramona Avenue reported that when he had returned home he found his bathroom window open and various items of his on the floor. He was unsure if anything had been taken.

• On the morning of March 24 the manager of a construction business reported that during the night thieves stole \$1,100 worth of lumber from the construction site under the Buchanan Street overpass.

• At about 10:30 p.m. on March 24 officers stopped a white '87 Honda for expired registration. The driver, a

30-year-old San Pablo man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from Hayward for a vehicle code violation. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

• On the afternoon of March 25 a city employee reported that vandals had slashed the tires of his black Chevrolet Blazer while it was parked in the city maintenance center parking lot. There were no witnesses.

• On the afternoon of March 25 a resident on the 400 block of Cornell Avenue reported observing a white male in his 30s with dark complexion take his tool box off his porch and walk toward the El Cerrito Plaza. The thief was gone when officers arrived.

• On the morning of March 26 a resident on the 600 block of Jackson Street reported that during the night vandals had thrown a rock through his front window breaking it.

• On the morning of March 26 a resident on the 800 block of Stannage Avenue reported that between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. thieves stole the rear license plate from her '84 Mercedes SW. The thieves left behind a Swiss army knife.

• On the morning of March 26 the owner of a business on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that thieves had stolen a Beanie Baby from her business.

• On March 27 a business owner on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that their building had been broken into during the night.

• On March 27 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that his parent's gold '85 Cadillac El Dorado had been stolen while parked on the street.

• On March 27 a student at Albany Middle School reported his bike had been stolen while it was locked in a

bike rack at the school. There were no witnesses.

• At about 6:30 p.m. on March 27 officers responded to a report of a car hitting a parked car on the 800 block of Adams Street, pushing the parked car onto the sidewalk. The driver was a 26-year-old Hercules man and there were no injuries.

• On March 28 a resident on the 1100 block of Stannage Avenue reported that at about 9:30 a.m. vandals had broken the window next to her front door.

• On March 28 a resident on the 1100 block of Brighton Avenue reported that during the night thieves stole her black '93 Toyota Camry which was parked in her parking space.

• Just after midnight on March 29 officers responded to reports of a group of noisy juveniles on the corner of Kains and Solano avenues. Officers contacted the group and one of the youths, a 16-year-old Albany boy, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested and released to his parents with a Notice to Appear.

During the week of March 22 officers fingerprinted six people at their request, towed two cars, responded to 20 false alarms, attended to six lost or deceased animals, assisted eight people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to six reports of barking dogs. Officers stopped 137 vehicles issuing 64 warnings and 73 citations. In the domestic arena officers intervened in 29 civil disturbances and 56 civil assists. Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to one fire call and 20 medical emergencies.

Note: Because of improvements in the way the computer system collects the data the numbers this week may appear to be excessive compared to previous weeks.

Altercation proves it's the cheese

By William-Arthur Haynes

EL CERRITO — Just after 8 p.m. on March 27 two unknown suspects entered the Potrero Ave. Carrows Restaurant and asked for change. When the cashier opened the register one of the suspect brandished a handgun and demanded all the money. The loss was estimated at \$200.

• On March 20 police pulled a '90 Toyota 4-Runner over on the 7300 block of Ganges Ct. during a routine traffic stop and found the operator of the vehicle to be under the influence of alcohol. The man resisted arrested and delayed police for close to an hour as he remained locked inside the vehicle.

• At around 9 a.m. on March 26 a woman was arrested at the San Pablo Ave. target for concealing merchandise in her purse and attempting to leave the store without paying.

• Just after 8:30 p.m. El Cerrito police detained two males on the BART path north of Blake St. for matching the descriptions of two juveniles suspected of robbery.

• After a woman received suspicious phone calls for almost two weeks Pacific Bell requested that El Cerrito police file a report on March 25.

• On March 26 police responded to a home on the 1900 block of Key Blvd. after a woman accused a man of shoving her against the kitchen door during an argument. No arrest was made.

• Sometime between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on March 21 someone attempted to pry open the door lock of an '80 BMW 320 parked on the corner of Lexington St. and Eureka.

There was no loss.

• Just after 12:30 p.m. on March 26 police received a report that a 3-year-old was missing from his aunt's home on the 1700 block of Lexington Ave. The youngster was found playing close by in a neighboring apartment.

• At around 6:30 p.m. two women had an altercation over a block of cheese on the 5800 block of Avila Ave. No arrest was made.

• Just after 5:30 p.m. on March 26 police found the operator of an '86 Toyota Celica in possession of narcotics paraphernalia and under the influence of methamphetamines during a traffic stop on San Pablo Ave.

• At around 12:20 p.m. on March 25 two male juveniles entered the backyard of a residence on the 500 block of Colusa Ave. and removed a motor scooter. The assailants were stopped leaving with the scooter and arrested for vehicle theft.

• On March 29 an elderly woman left her home on the Stockton St. for a walk and got lost. Police contacted the woman's son who went to the police station and picked her up.

• An '86 Toyota van was reported stolen from the 6700 of Cutting Blvd. on March 27. The vehicle was later recovered.

• At around 5:40 p.m. on March 22 two women got into a physical confrontation at the Chuck E. Cheese when one of the women's sons got in the way of the other's son during a basketball shooting game. No arrests were made.

• For a few weeks a woman had been living in a '90 Chevy Geo parked on the 10200 block of San Pablo Ave. On March 30, as the car

was being prepared for sale the woman refused to exit the car.

• On March 25 an unknown suspect entered the Stockton Eleven and asked for a change for a \$10 bill. The change was to be counterfeit.

• Just before 1:30 p.m. on March 27 a man struck a woman on the head with his fist, causing a concussion. Police found that the two were living together in a home on the block of S. 53rd St. and a common child. No arrests were made.

• On March 28 a woman reported that her ex-boyfriend was threatening suicide over a possible break-up. Police located the man despondent and crying in an apartment on the 3100 Yosemite Ave.

• On March 28 a woman entered a garage on the 2000 Carmel Ave. without permission and left without driving the thing.

• On March 23 a woman moved a teacher's wallet purse during recess. The estimated at \$75.

• On March 27 a woman entered the 1000 Ave Safeway with a shopping bag. The woman attempted to leave the store with meat she had concealed in the bag.

• On March 25 a woman received a phone call from a woman who threatened bodily harm if she was allowed to move in.

• On March 25 a woman acting as a substitute at Potrero Junior High School reported that sometime between 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. someone removed her cellular phone from her backpack. The loss was estimated at \$209.



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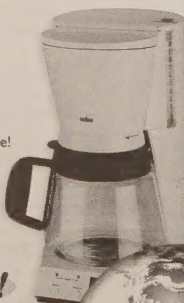
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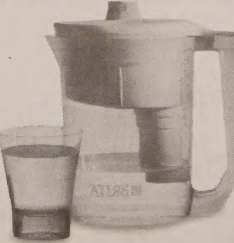
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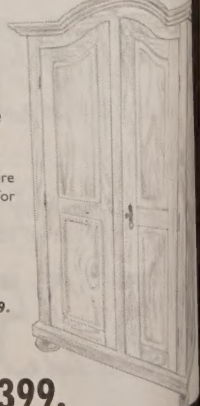
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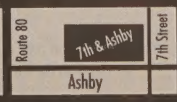
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El Cerrito Earth Day 1998: Ideas, volunteers, contributions needed

On Saturday, April 18, El Cerrito will celebrate its 28th annual Earth Day. This year, for the first time, Sustainable El Cerrito joins forces with the City Chamber of Commerce to organize Earth Day activities. Organizers plan to continue the recent tradition of hosting work parties to plant trees and clean up parks, creeks, schools, and other sites throughout the city, followed by a barbecue for volunteers and contributors at the Community Center. This year, a number of special projects will focus on San Pablo Avenue. The Earth Day Organizing Committee welcomes your ideas and suggestions as they begin planning this year's work sites and celebrations. Volunteers are needed now to help with Earth Day preparations. If you'd like to help out, or have suggestions for the Committee, please contact: Dair, Sustainable El Cerrito, 111 Arlington, El Cerrito CA 94530, (phone 232-6466,

dair@ppic.org.

Contributions to the Earth Day Fund are also welcome. As always, Earth Day events are supported by donations from businesses and other community members. Make checks payable to: El Cerrito Earth Day, El Cerrito City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito CA 94530.

The committee is also interested in hearing from people who celebrate Earth Day with their family, church, school, or other community groups. The committee wants to know what Earth Day means to you, what activities you participate in, what ideas or suggestions you have for El Cerrito community members to help improve our natural and built environment.

Sign-up sheets for the April 18 work parties will soon be published in the city brochure, and also available at City Hall, the Community Center, and other locations citywide.

Guilty plea in mail fraud charges

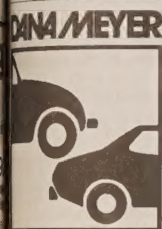
The U.S. Department of Justice has charged a former El Cerrito man has pleaded guilty to one count of filing false claims and two counts of mail fraud in federal court in Sacramento. Carlton Meyer, 36, faces up to 10 years in prison and more than \$50,000 in fines for attempting to defraud the Internal Revenue Service and the California Franchise Tax

Board of some \$600,000.

An indictment filed on Feb. 6 further charged Meyer with filing federal and state income tax returns using names of "unsuspecting and nonexistent" taxpayers in an attempt to gain thousands of dollars in tax refunds between 1995 and 1996.

Meyer is expected to be sentenced on June 15.

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Betschart is based in Albany. As director of the Agricultural Research Service's Pacific West Area, she will guide the work of 1,300 employees. She succeeds Jan Van Schilfgarde, who retired in October.

Since 1992, Betschart has been director of ARS' Western Regional Research Center in Albany. The center is ARS' largest research laboratory in the west. She joined the agency in 1971 as a research food technologist with the center's cereal grains laboratory in Albany.

Betschart is a recognized authority on the nutritional value of cereal grains and of protein concentrates from oilseeds and grain crops. She has authored more than 140 research publications.

She is the 1997 winner of the Award of Distinction from the University of California at Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and 1994 winner of the Award for Scientific Achievement, given by Women in Science and Engineering. She is a member, former president, and former chair

of the board of the American Association of Cereal Chemists, and also belongs to the scholastic honorary societies Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, and Kappa Omicron Nu.

Betschart has a bachelor of science degree in food and nutrition from the University of California at Davis (1960), master of science degree in human nutrition from Oregon State University, Corvallis (1966), and doctorate in food chemistry from Cornell University, Ithaca (1971).

Charity Harbo

BEAUMONT, Tex. — Lamar University, the reigning Sun Belt Conference volleyball champion, has signed outside hitter/middle block Albany High School grad Charity Harbo for the 1998 season, head coach Jim Barnes announced.

The Lady Cards finished 22-15 last year and won the SBC regular season crown with an 8-1 record, but will not be able to defend their title as Lamar is returning to the Southland Conference next year.

The 6-1 Harbo was named the North Coast Section Player of the Year as a senior at Albany High School. She was also named first team All-Northern California and was all-league three times.

"Charity will provide an immediate impact for our program," said Barnes.

"She is one of the top recruits in the history of Lamar Volleyball and her competitiveness and winning attitude will make her very successful at this level."



Antoinette A. Betschart

Zura Young

This month the University of Evansville Theatre will present *Boys' Life*, a comedy about the 20-something generation. The play revolves around three former college buddies - Don, Phil and Jack - who are trying to achieve true maturity as they start their adult lives in the big city after graduation.

University of Evansville student Zura Young of El Cerrito, is a member of the cast of UE Theatre's production.

Young, a freshman at UE, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Young of El Cerrito.

Submit items for this column to The Journal, P.O. Box 1624, El Cerrito 94530; fax them to 339-4066 or e-mail them to hillsnews@aol.com.

Obituaries

Cora Ann Jacobson

Friends are invited to services set for today for longtime Albany resident Cora Ann Jacobson, who died March 28 in Fairfield.

Mrs. Jacobson, a Massachusetts native, was the wife of the late Nathaniel A. Jacobson, mother of William and Albert Jacobson and grandmother of Gregory and Jeffrey, as well as the sister of Prudy Maroot.

She was a longtime member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church of Albany.

Friends are invited to attend today's noon memorial service at St. Alban's, 1501 Washington St.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Funeral arrangements were made by Ellis-Olson Mortuary.

Margaret O'Connor

Margaret A. O'Connor died in El Cerrito on March 25. She was the loving wife of Thomas O'Connor of Albany, mother of the late Maureen O'Connor, sister of Susan Richardson of Pleasant Hill, aunt of Kim and Mitchell, great-aunt of Jason and Kiberly, cousin of Howard H. Standish.

She was a retired clerk from the University of California Police Department, a long time member of St. Jerome's Catholic Church, an El Cerrito Moose, a native of San Francisco and a resident of Albany.

A vigil service was held on March 29 at 5 p.m. from Ellis-Olson Mortuary. A funeral Mass was held March 30 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, El Cerrito, with the Committal at St. Joseph's Cemetery, San Pablo.

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Spring coloring contest for children

Kids toddlers through age 10 may enter the Albany Chamber of Commerce/ Hills newspapers/ City of Albany Spring Coloring Contest through Tuesday, April 21. Winners will be selected the following day. Entries may be hand delivered or mailed to the Chamber office, 1108 Solano Ave.

There are three age categories for the young artists: toddlers through age 3, 4- and 5-year-olds and 6 through 10. Thirty prizes await winners.

Either use the form in *The Journal* or pick one up at the Chamber

office. Donors for Albany Day at the Races

Twenty nine donors of prizes for Albany Day at the Races include Al Caruso Insurance, K&S Company, Bay Alarm, Sumitomo Bank, Rita Smith Realtor, Richard Smith Contractor, The Mechanics Bank, Richard's Jewelers, Michael Doucet DDS., Albany Domino's Pizza, Mary & Joe's Sporting Goods and Albany Ford/Subaru. Also, Jodie's Patti Melt, Charles Prins D.C., Century Communications, Rituals Gifts, The Brass Horse, Jay Bunker D.C., Sol Restaurant, Monteros Cafe, Solano Avenue Association, Gordo's Taqueria, Captain Video, Andronico's Market, Flowerland, Albany Safeway, Semifreddi's, Snippet Crickets and Vista Community College.

Several donors have pledged multiple prizes totaling 50. Albany Day will be held May 9 at Golden Gate Fields. Non-profit organizations will be selling tickets giving the buyer free admission to the race track for Albany Day only, reserved seating, pizza discount coupon and a chance to win one of the valuable prizes. Tickets will be available at the Chamber of Commerce office also. Prices are \$1 for one ticket, \$5 for six and \$10 for 12.

Organizations wishing to participate may contact the Chamber office at 525-1771. All monies collected is given to participating organizations.

Allan Maris Citizen of the Year

The Citizen of the Year for 1997 was named last Wednesday at the Albany Chamber of Commerce/Golden Gate Fields Mixer held at The Turf Club. Like the academy awards, the recipient's name was kept a secret until "the envelope was opened" and master of ceremonies Ginny Prior called Allan Maris to the microphone to receive his award. Maris was selected for his volunteer work for 1997 having given his time and talent mainly for the youth and seniors of Albany. He tutored at Albany High School, MacGregor High School and the Albany Teen Center. Maris is a board of director and treasurer of Friends of Albany Seniors, always helpful in fundraisers in setting up and cleaning up on many occasions. He has been involved in an intergenerational program in letter writing between MacGregor High School students and seniors.

Additional volunteering included helping with activities put on by the Coalition for Teens at the Teen Center as well as functions put on by the Albany prevention Council.

He currently serves on the Albany Park and Recreation Commission and regularly attends the School's Facilities meetings to keep involved in the rebuilding of the high school and gymnasium.

He also attends meetings of the University Village's planning for new housing and the use of present playing fields and the future of sports activities on the University site.

Maris was presented a plaque and an "Albany California" T-shirt from the Chamber of Commerce.

Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



Albany Citizen of the Year Allan Maris is presented with an Albany T-shirt by emcee Ginny Prior at the Chamber of Commerce mixer.

Prior introduced "City" guests in attendance that included Albany City Attorney Robert Zweben, Police Chief Larry Murdo, Councilman Jon Ely, Senior Director Jean Allen, Teen Director Leah Smally, City Administrator Daren Fields, Assistant Administrator Ann Ritzma and Hills Newspapers owner Warren "Chip" Brown and publisher Scott Little.

Pool Employee of the Month

Milene Bargauanu was named Albany Pool employee of the month. She was chosen for her enthusiasm and her willingness to learn new skills. Marlene has strong "people" skills and is an excellent teacher and a very attentive guard.

A willing substitute for other staff members when needed, she is able to communicate well and is very helpful in working the pool office. Milene does not wait to be asked to do something as when she sees a need she takes care of it.

Friends of Albany Seniors White Elephant Sale

Now is a good time to start your spring cleaning and collecting unwanted usable items to donate to the White Elephant Sale scheduled for Saturday, April 18.

This annual sale benefits the senior center by augmenting the senior meals and the continuation of refurbishing the center's furniture. No clothing please.

For drop off or pick up phone the center at 524-9122.

New location for R.H. Anderson

Ray Anderson recently opened a showroom for his collectibles and estate sales items at 904 San Pablo Ave. One can easily browse for several hours looking at items from the past. Anderson has a variety of items ranging from furniture to phonograph records. His showroom phone number is 525-6666 and the estate sale number is 526-2232.



New to the Spring Fair this year, the Albany Pre School is performing a play based on the book "The Easter Bunny Overslept." The play stars alumni of the pre school, along with Albany's Easter Bunny Matt Wyss, from the left is Osborn, Jonathon Olson, Wiley Wyss and Adrian Connors.

Find the Easter Bunny at Albany Community Center

The Easter Bunny will be arriving at Albany Memorial Park on Saturday, April 11, for a morning of fun and games at the Spring Fair. The Easter Bunny will be happy to pose for pictures with children of all ages, so be sure to bring your cameras.

The Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 10 a.m. sharp and will be divided by age levels so that all children can participate. The Games and Arts & Crafts booths will be open immediately after the Egg Hunt and will continue until Noon.

Admission to the Spring Fair and Egg Hunt is free, and tickets to participate in the other activities will be on sale. The refreshment

booth will be open before the Hunt and will have beverages and snacks available to children throughout the morning. Plays put on by former students will occur at 11:00 a.m.

Albany Memorial Park is at Portland Avenue and Street. The Spring Fair will be raining that day.

This annual event is sponsored by the Albany Preschool in conjunction with the City of Albany and Community Services Department, with donations from local businesses and service organizations.

Albany wants ideas for conservation video

The City of Albany is requesting proposals for a resource conservation video project. The budget for the video is \$30,000. Proposals are due April 27.

Albany in conjunction with the Alameda County Waste Management Authority is producing a resource conservation video as part of a broader educational campaign. The video will focus on sources and conservation of

water and energy and the reduction of trash. The intended use of the video is for classroom airings on cable TV, and availability through the public library.

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Review of City Manager recommendation and Planning Commission action (recommendation to the City Council) on the appropriateness of a Development Agreement as the form of entitlement for the proposed Alta Bates Long-Term Development Plan.

Alta Bates Medical Center has made application to the City for a Development Agreement as the means by which the City will review its long-term development plan for the Ashby "campus". The Development Plan itself is not the subject of this hearing. That plan and the accompanying Environmental Impact Report (EIR), once they have been prepared, will be the subject of future public meetings. Development Agreements are authorized by City Ordinance No. 6033-N.S.

Environmental Status: Planning Commission action (recommendation to the City Council) on the appropriateness of a Development Agreement as the form of entitlement is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Development Agreement itself will be the subject of a future EIR.

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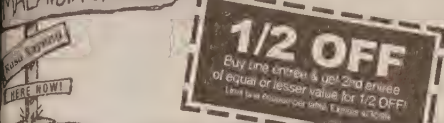
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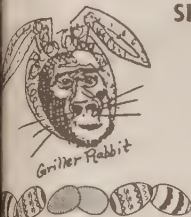
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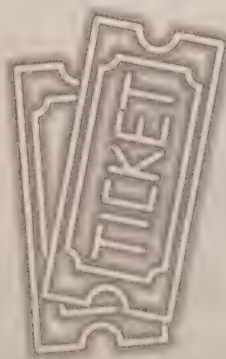
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Special Congressional Election — Candidates for District 9 — Vote April 7



Greg Harper

By Adam King

If there's one issue that can unite all Democrats in the Ninth Congressional District, says Greg Harper, it's the environment — and if the environment's your issue, then Harper may be your candidate for Congress.

Running a campaign based almost entirely on his environmental concerns — and the hope that the timing of the April 7 special election will work to his advantage — Harper is trying to jump from the Emeryville City Council to the halls of the U.S. Congress.

Harper joins three other candidates in the race to fill the seat of former Rep. Ron Dellums, who resigned on Feb. 6 and endorsed his former aide, state Senator Barbara Lee, to replace him. Also up for election on April 7 is Oakland resident Randal Stewart, who unsuccessfully

challenged Dellums in 1994, and Clay Sanders, a Republican.

While well-known in Bay Area environmental circles, Harper admits that he has his work cut out for him in meeting the rest of the Ninth District's residents.

"I've been 12 years on the City Council, I've just been doing my job, and I haven't had much time to spiral out," Harper said. "But I think my background would work at the state or federal level."

If his environmental platform wins him the election, then his background will certainly come in handy. He currently chairs the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and once sat on the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency.

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Barbara Lee

By Adam King

When state Senator Barbara Lee talks about her campaign for the Ninth District congressional seat, she doesn't take pot shots at the other candidates or criticize the previous officeholder. She doesn't have to.

Lee, now in her eighth year in the state Legislature, goes to the polls next Tuesday armed with her experience in office, the endorsement of former Rep. Ron Dellums, and considerably more name recognition and fund-raising abilities than her competitors.

Dellums vacated the Ninth District seat in February. Voters will now choose a candidate to serve the remainder of his unfinished term, which expires in December. In November, voters will choose again to fill the regular two-year term that begins in January.

Other contenders for the seat are Emeryville City Councilman Greg Harper, Oakland resident Randal Stewart, and Oakland resident Clay Sanders, the lone Republican in the race.

Born in El Paso, Texas, and raised in Southern California, Lee moved to the Bay Area in 1967, graduated from Mills College in 1973 and served as an aide to Dellums from 1975 to 1987. She won election to the state Assembly in 1990, served three two-year terms, and was elected to the state Senate in 1996.

Lee's political performance is closely associated with that of Dellums, who has endorsed her to succeed him in Congress. And if voters are looking for a radical shift from Dellums' agenda — shifting defense spending to social and environmental programs — they might

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we (Democrats) weren't looking to bail us out, we would stand up to them (Republicans) more.'



Clay Sanders

By Adam King

Although it's been a while since Clay Sanders has been active in the East Bay, he wants to renew his activism in a big way — as U.S. congressman for the Ninth District.

Sanders, a resident of Oakland's Montclair district, is a rank-and-file Republican real estate agent running against a liberal state senator in a heavily Democratic district. But he isn't discouraged.

To the contrary, he insists his broad agenda for the East Bay will bring about "a return to a republican form of government as established by the Founding Fathers," according to his campaign literature.

Other contenders for the seat include Emeryville City Councilman Greg Harper, Oakland resident Randal Stewart, and state Senator Barbara Lee, whom former Rep.

Ron Dellums has endorsed.

Sanders includes Oakland, Berkeley and Emeryville in his extensive list of former homes, which spans 21 states. However, he gathered his political experience almost entirely in New York, Tennessee and San Francisco, where he campaigned for Republican candidates, including his first campaign as a teenager, when he campaigned for former presidential candidate Thomas Dewey.

He also recalls a list of Bay Area activities, such as organizing youth visits to the Oakland Museum in the 1970s and campaigning for the original BART bonds in 1962.

But although he only returned to the East Bay in 1995 after five years in Tennessee, Sanders has a simple reason for wanting to represent the Ninth District: he likes it here.

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Randal Stewart

By Adam King

Oakland resident Randal Stewart believes the Ninth Congressional District needs a congressman who focuses on education and jobs, and who spends more time in the district.

Stewart joins two other Democrats — state Senator Barbara Lee and Emeryville City Councilman Greg Harper — and one Republican — Clay Sanders — in the race for the office vacated by former Rep. Ron Dellums.

Stewart, currently director of human resources at San Francisco's Family Service Agency, has no experience in elected office, though as recently as last November he publicly considered his options as an Oakland school board candidate.

Stewart said he isn't daunted by running against Harper, a former Emeryville mayor and chair of the

Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and Lee, a former aide to Dellums and state Assembly member.

"To be truthful, I don't know much about Greg Harper," Stewart said. "Barbara has been around quite a bit, but I welcome the challenge."

A native of North Carolina, Stewart came to the Bay Area in 1988 and has since served on the boards of the East Oakland Community Development Corporation, the East Oakland Youth Development Center, and the Bay Area Black United Fund. He holds a master's degree from the University of San Francisco in human resources and organization development.

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Martin Snapp

For A Dancer: This is an unabashed valentine. It's a love letter to a woman I've been crazy about for almost 25 years. It's also a happy birthday wish on the occasion of her 80th birthday next Wednesday.

She is Elizabeth Ann Bloomer Ford, a proud descendant of 19th century feminist Amelia Bloomer (who invented the first pants for women - bloomers), proud disciple of modern dance pioneer Martha Graham, and proud wife of Gerald Ford, 38th President of the United States. ("You've heard me say many times that whatever makes Jerry happy makes me happy," she once told a White House correspondent dinner, "and if you believe that, you are indeed unworthy of your profession.")

That last line is so typical of Betty Ford.

Whatever she does, she does with wit and style - even when it's something faintly déclassé, like that famous photo of her dancing The Bump with Tony Orlando. It's always pleasing to watch gracefulness, and Betty Ford has it in spades. I don't know whether she learned it from dancing or if she gravitated toward dancing because she's a naturally graceful person, but the end result is the same. I saw her on a C-SPAN panel with Rosalyn Carter and Barbara Bush a few weeks ago, and she looked great. She still has that dancer's elegance.

But that's not why she's my favorite First Lady.

There are thousands of women alive today who wouldn't be if Betty Ford hadn't had the guts to bring breast cancer out of the closet in 1974 by going public with her own mastectomy.

But that's not why she's my favorite First Lady.

There are millions of recovering alcoholics and substance abusers who would be either strung out or dead by now if Betty Ford hadn't had the guts to go public in 1978 with her own problem.

But that's not why she's my favorite First Lady.

There are feminists yet unborn who will someday thank her for her courageous support of the Equal Rights Amendment, a good idea whose time will come.

But that's not why she's my favorite First Lady.

I love her because of the one thing she now looks back on with a twinge of regret: that famous "60 Minutes" interview, when Morley Safer asked her what she'd do if she found out her teenage daughter Susan was having an affair.

Instead of playing it safe, she did something unprecedented in politics: She gave an honest answer. "I wouldn't be surprised," said the First Lady. "I think she's a perfectly normal human being, like all girls. If she wanted to continue it, I would certainly counsel and advise her on the subject. And I'd want to know pretty much about the young man."

The firestorm was instantaneous. "Involving any prominent individual, this would be a disgusting spectacle," sneered a New Hampshire paper. "Coming from the First Lady in the White House, it disgraces the nation itself."

But the political fallout wasn't what bothered her. Her concern was that Susan, being a normal teenager, was embarrassed by even a hypothetical discussion of her sex life. And being a good mother, Betty felt bad about that.

But I wonder if it has occurred to her that her comments sent a very healing message to millions of other people Susan's age. People like me.

It's hard now to remember the intensity of the cultural war that was going on at the time. We young folks started it by burning draft cards (and sometimes flags) and chanting, "Never trust anyone over 30." But by 1974, when the Fords reached the White House, most of the venom was coming from the other side of the generation gap.

This was in the wake of Kent State, Jackson State and People's Park, where students had been killed and "The Great Silent Majority" applauded. President Nixon called the dead students "bums" and implied that they got what they deserved.

There were hardhat riots in New York City, when construction workers rampaged and beat up peaceful anti-war demonstrators, then were toasted as heroes in the Nixon White House a week later. In short, a lot of us felt like a disinherited generation. I don't want to get too Freudian about it, but it felt like Big Daddy had thrown us out in the cold.

Betty Ford changed all that. It was as if she'd thrown open the windows of the White House and cried, "Come home, children! All is forgiven!"

In declining to be harshly judgmental about her own daughter, she was opening her arms to the rest of us, too.

In the two decades since, we Boomers have made many strides toward reconciling with our elders, the G.I.s. Now that the dust from Vietnam has settled, we can appreciate them for what they are: the greatest generation in the history of our country, despite their mistakes in Vietnam.

And on a personal level, many of us had a chance to reconcile with our parents before we lost them forever.

I truly believe Betty Ford had a lot to do with this.

So let the feminists honor her for the ERA, and the cancer survivors honor her for her mastectomy, and the substance abusers honor her for the Betty Ford Center, and the aesthetes honor her for simply looking smashing. I revere her for being what she called herself on the CB radio:

To me, she'll always be First Mama.

Happy birthday, Betty Ford.

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in the Voice. Phone him at (510) 273-9039; write c/o Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619; or e-mail catman1@creative.net

EC residents assess what's right, wrong

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO—At last month's City Council/study session, Mayor Jane Bartke reviewed the city's past successes and future goals and councilmembers heard from citizens about what was good and what was not so good about their city. About 35 people attended the meeting held at Fire Station #72 on Arlington Boulevard as the second neighborhood session held by the council this year.

Before people broke into two smaller discussion groups, Bartke went over goals in the City's five-year plan. Called "Goals for 2003," they include expansion of commercial development as the city's economic engine, financially responsible and stable city government, continued community safety and investment in city infrastructure and facilities. Bartke also reviewed successes of the past year, which include improved parks maintenance, a balanced budget with a five-year financial plan, the starting of construction on Del Norte Marketplace, enhanced storm drainage systems and improved fire hazard abatement for Hillside Natural Areas.

After the Mayor spoke, the audience was split into two smaller

groups and citizens got to speak directly to the councilmembers about what they liked about the city and what they would like to change.

Speaking in the group that included Mayor Bartke and Councilmember Norman LaForce, resident Brad Cafel said he liked the "hometown" feel that El Cerrito has been able to retain. "We've retained our control over our environment in our community," he said. Cafel said he appreciated the "easy access to services" that the city maintains. As far as improvements the city could make, Cafel gestured at the new fire station the study session was being held in and said "I'd like to see our main public safety building be as nice as this one."

Carleton Whitehead, a 15-year El Cerrito, told the group: "I'll speak up for the creeks." Whitehead said the creeks that flow through the city give the community a sense of identity and boundary. He said he would like to see creeks incorporated into community designs, especially Cerrito Creek at the Plaza.

One older woman said she would like to see "more openness about what's going on at the Plaza." Bartke assured her and the others in the room that the council is doing all it

can to get things moving at the Plaza. At its March 2 meeting, the council set a May 4 deadline for the primary Plaza owners to reach agreement about their plans to develop the center. Bartke's assurances didn't seem to satisfy the woman, who said "We are El Cerrito — it's not them." Another person in the group told her: "The only way out is money, honey."

Most of the people in the group agreed that the city's parks are looking better and that city staff is doing a good job. "I think you do a lot right" one man told the councilmembers in the room to general nods of agreement. People said they would like the library to have longer hours and would like to see more after-school programs at local middle schools, especially Portola and Adams. But overall, there seemed to be more positive comments about the City than negative ones. The El Cerrito Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Teams (NEAT) was praised as a city asset as were the recycling and green waste programs.

The council has promised more neighborhood study sessions in the future in an effort to get comments from people who don't usually come to council meetings.

Forum

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Challenger Gioia also lamented uncontrolled growth. He noted that "further growth along the I-80 corridor will affect traffic here." Gioia said several times that new development should be planned close to public transportation and he noted that business development should be included with residential growth. Gioia didn't seem to be as forcefully advocating limiting the autonomy of "local jurisdictions," but he did tell the audience "you can't stop development if the county and the cities aren't on the same page."

The two men talked and answered questions for more than an hour, and each had a goodly number of supporters in the room. Audience members frequently had to yell out "louder" and "speak up" to the soft-spoken candidates. The gathering had a casual and friendly "town meeting" feel to it. People wrote down their questions on small index cards and the questions were put to the candidates by former El Cerrito Mayor Charles Lewis.

Discussing other topics, Rogers talked about his successful efforts to ban cigarette and alcohol billboards within 1,600 feet of schools, his campaign finance reform efforts and the county's "Good Neighbor Ordinance" which he helped

pass. This ordinance, which went into effect a little over a year ago, set up stringent environmental standards for three of the four oil refineries in the county and allows public hearings prior to most refinery maintenance projects. Rogers said the law "lets the county set reasonable safety precautions on the oil refineries," and then added: "We insisted on access and we got access."

Gioia agreed that the ordinance is needed, but he noted that some people are already trying to fight it. Gioia, 40, has been a director on the East Bay Municipal Utility District since 1988, winning reelection bids in 1992 and 1996. He said his experience at EBMUD will serve him well if elected to the county board of supervisors. "I will roll up my sleeves and get things done," he promised the audience. Gioia said he was not interested in "symbolic victories" and he later hinted that Rogers is a politician interested in show over substance.

In answer to a question about emergency preparedness, Rogers said each community needs to get involved. He also said he thinks every firefighter should have paramedic training. Gioia said inter-agency cooperation is a vital part of being prepared for emergencies.

Life

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in that Koehn had "two houses, two families that really loved him," but also caused some pain in that he had to say goodbye to one home every week and a half.

Not always the most serious of students, according to his family, Koehn nonetheless graduated with honors from Albany High School and showed a tremendous passion and ability in the areas that interested him most. For example, Koehn would read Greek philosophers such as Plato and Socrates — books not on the required reading list — and discuss them endlessly with friends and family. "Once he thought he could take it on his own, he excelled," his stepmother said.

Koehn also took a relatively late interest in basketball during his high school years, dedicating many hours to the sport. Often observed by neighbors dribbling his basketball at 7 a.m. on the way to school, Koehn was voted "most inspirational player," and was a popular, well liked student at Albany High.

After graduating, Koehn headed south to major in business at San Luis Obispo, where he also came to discover the greatest love of his life: music. His mother remembered the birthday just three years ago when she and her husband presented him with his first tenor saxophone, which he soon spent as much as six hours a day practicing on, often making the trek to lonely, secluded spots so as not to disturb his neighbors.

"That gift opened up what, for him, was the way he felt most comfortable expressing his feelings," says his mother. Koehn also joined a band and played numerous "gigs" in San Luis Obispo, and hoped to pursue "a lifetime of ever-increasing proficiency" in music, he wrote shortly before his death.

Also, Koehn wrote of "a certain culture shock and dissatisfaction

with my (business) major" in college, and of how, "finding my love of music was surely a major turning point in my life." Though he lived some 200 miles away, Koehn stayed in close contact with his family, particularly when his stepfather, Bill, was dying of cancer. His stepfather's death last August "brought about a spiritual revolution in me," Michael wrote, "for I realized that the human constructs of 'life' and 'death' are really not two different things."

"I spent much time writing and thinking about the loss and its psychological effects on myself and more importantly my mother," he continued. "This whole experience was yet another turning point for me. Ironically, my stepfather first got me started on the saxophone. Thus, whenever I play, I play some of his spiritual music."

On the night his stepfather died, Michael, who was staying with his mother, lit every candle in the house

Incident

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said Woods-Greene. "We need to do some things around the area of trust-building on that."

Also, said Woods-Greene, the victim, who returned to school the following day, was not the person who first revealed the incident. She urged students who want to leave confidential tips about this or other matters to call the school's hot line (559-6550, then 8) and to report such incidents in the future.

"People need to keep in mind that it happened a month ago and nothing has happened since," Woods-Greene said.

Those who wish to contact Albany Police about the incident, anonymously if they wish, can call 525-7300 and ask for Lt. Palmieri or Sgt. Christiansen.

Both candidates also talked about the controversial EBMUD plan to divert water from the lower part of the American River to the East Bay. Both men supported the plan to pipe in up to 150,000 acre-feet of river water annually, but both said the diverted water must not be used to support new development. "I want to make sure that new developments are not being built at the expense of existing residences," Rogers said. He added that any new development should be built "near mass transit and it needs to pay for itself."

Gioia, an EBMUD director for Ward 1, noted that the American River diversion plan requires that no dam be built, and that the water is taken from the lower portion of the river before it reaches the delta. "It's okay to draw that water as long as it's not used to support new development," he told the audience.

Rogers, known in his TV commercials as "the people's lawyer," first won a seat on the board of supervisors in 1994 while serving on the Richmond City Council. In 1996 he lost a bid to be the Democratic candidate to replace Tom Bates in the 14th Assembly District. "I have a record of getting things done for the people in this district," Rogers told the audience in his closing remarks.

Services

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give you an opportunity to learn where your tax dollars are currently going, and not going, and to have a say in determining the quality of important municipal services that affect you on a daily basis. Most importantly, your participation in *Services for the 21st Century* will give you the opportunity to influence the level of municipal taxes you will pay for the services and facilities that are important to you.

WHO: *Services for the 21st Century*

WHAT: Committee-of-the-Whole Kick-off Meeting

WHEN: April 9, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Fairmont Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room, 724 Kearney St.

RSVP: Linda Giddings 215-4305

The future of our community is as bright and promising as the collective vision of our citizenry.

Mayor Jane A. Bartke

Bill Mann

April Fool's Plus Two: The 200th episode of *Simpsons* is coming up later this month. Out a press kit listing all of Bart Simpson's sayings from the show's openings. (Lucky you'll miss them). I noticed that these days, deliciously funny until the show's fifth years ago.

My 23-year-old son, a college grad, "Simpsons" fan, thinks the critically acclaimed show is starting to slip in quality this season as badly as *Seinfeld*. "If I'm not nuts about it," *Simpsons* fans? Notice any?

Notwithstanding, here are some of the chalkboard-isms culled from Fox's list: "The Allegiance does NOT end with 'Hail Satan' — PLENTY of businesses like show business are NOT too long to wait for a gun!" "I could be ME on that scaffolding!" "I do not of attorney over first graders!" "Indian burial cultural heritage;" and this poke at its own: "The truth is not out there." Also: "I'm not on MTV!" "My butt does not deserve a website!" "I learn everything I need to know in kindergarten!" "Everyone is tired of that Richard Gere."

More Childish Humor: Speaking of a reader in Montclair e-mails this cute/funny "Childish Insight." A first-grade teacher, known proverbs. She gave each child the proverb, then had them come up with the samples:

"It's always darkest before ... Daylight Time!" "Don't bite the hand that ... looks like there's smoke there's ... pollution!" "If it ain't succeed ... get new batteries." So there's this weekend: Daylight savings time and batteries.

Saving Daylight: TV execs hate Daylight Time. That's because viewers will start watching time outdoors next week, and less time watching that is). Along with many of you fellow execs I dislike it because it robs us of an hour of morning. During the transition, I may not be awake for KTVU's "10:00 News" newscast on how the uneasy Dennis Richmond-Land chemistry is coming along. Initial ratings newscast after Elaine Corral left unannounced been down — and the only time KPIX 5 10:00 was after an Olympics or a national basketball game. Are some of Elaine's protesting? One newsroom source tells me it doesn't like the stagey Griffith talking across two stories; one senses an uneasy bond between KRON's Suzanne Shaw told me a female anchor's responsibility to create balance with a co-anchor. Griffith had been working weekends and had to create her own chemistry chatting with KTVU's weather and sports guy so sure, though, that this will fly with the Richmond. Although Richmond and Corral well, that wasn't the case, you may recall, predecessor, Barbara Simpson. It was so studio when Simpson and Richmond co-anchored the KTVU crew would huddle next to picture Nixon family for warmth.

Mini-Movie Reviews: "Primary Colors" primarily, a big disappointment. Two stars. In the movie: Rob Reiner playing the host of radio call-in show who's more interested in (Clinton's) mother's favorite Vegas act than views ... I knew in advance that the Coen Brothers flick, "The Big Lebowski," couldn't be as good as masterpiece, "Fargo." Still, I give "Lebowski" stars: John Goodman is quite funny in his stoner's misadventures in L.A. The Coen brothers about as well as anybody ever has: It's the country where the cops will pull you over your speakers goes out. I like comic Steve Buscemi, line best, however, and it kept coming back was watching "Lebowski." "Hold a dirty card to your ear," Kravitz noted, "and you can hear"

Women's Corner: Another piece of news from reader Nancy Linsley. It's called *Liners From Women*. A sample: "Never talk to anyone to whom you have given your Bombeke." "In politics, if you want anything done, ask a man. If you want anything done, ask a woman (Margaret Thatcher). And: 'I am a housekeeper. Every time I leave a man's house.'" (Ariana Huffington impersonating Enor).

Enor, already: Speaking of not checking books (Huffington's ex), I'd like to message to Democratic gubernatorial candidates Al Corral and Jane Harmon: Go away! Both of you. Leave. Come back in a year. No, make that 16 months of you both, already. Amstrong.

Roberta Update: An Alameda reader finds preternaturally annoying KPIX weatherman Gonzales oddly entertaining, writing that "with horrified fascination ... there's some disconnect between eyes and mouth. And intellectually disconnected as well." The relays this recent exchange on Channel 35 show between Roberta and co-anchors Ken Bastida following a story about cholesterol: RG: What about Egg Beaters? Ken: Different, because it's just egg whites. RG: Yolk makes all the difference. RG: Well, I have to have my eggs hard-boiled then.

Maher on Fire: "Politically Incorrect" Maher and his gag writers have been on a roll. Following the President's signing of a bill to create a national organ-donation agency, Maher says people know the pain of organ rejection. Clinton." On a new traveling art exhibit in Jackson, Miss., featuring the treasures of the Maher says the show's name's been chosen: "Hazards of Dukes" to attract more local viewers. The former Arkansas beauty queen spokeswoman Jones' lawyers about her sexual history with Maher noted, "While we have a Miss America oath, let's find out if she REALLY gives a world peace."

Arts & Letters

East Bay Events

Fundraising luncheon

Berkeley Symphony Orchestra is giving a fundraising luncheon at the Cafe, 1329 Gilman St. in Berkeley on Saturday, April 4, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. Proceeds from the luncheon will benefit the Berkeley Symphony's stage season at Zellerbach Hall and Music Education Program that supports Berkeley's public elementary schools. David will be pairing wines from his own cellar with menus created by chefs Haig Krikorian and Frances Wilson. An accomplished restaurateur, David does daily "Food News" reports on KCBS 730 AM. Lalime's is an intimate neighborhood restaurant with imaginative, eclectic Mediterranean-inspired cuisine and is one of Top 20 restaurants in the Bay Area according to Gourmet Magazine. The event is \$100 per person and open to the public. Seating is limited. Reservations must be made in advance. Details: Carol Suveda, 841-2800.

Censored animation

From April 3 through April 5 the UC Theatre presents "General Chaos: Censored Animation," a series of short animated films for adults. Titles include: "American Flatulators," "Attack of the Hungry, Hungry Hungry," "Malice in Wonderland" and "Zerox and Mylar." Not suitable for children. April 4 at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Brandon McKinney, animator of "Performance Art" speaks and shows slides before the shows. Shows at 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.; additional show on Friday at 11:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. UC Theatre, 1000 University Ave., Berkeley. Tickets: \$43-3456.

Raddy Club kids'

Albany Community Center, 1000 Marin Ave., hosts Las Vegas style show and comedian Fred Anderson on Sunday at 11 a.m. Also on the bill for this fun extravaganza is Dan Goldensohn. Tickets: \$5 general, under 2 free. Details: 843-3456.

Women at

Neil Simon's hit play *Jake's Women* opens Friday, April 3, at the UC Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., at Berryman in Berkeley. Directed by Actors Ensemble of Berkeley, the city's oldest theater, the play will be on stage Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., and on May 2, plus Thursday, April 30, at 8 p.m. In the play, a writer dreams about the women in his life, his late revered first wife, his daughter, bossy sister, analyst, and love interests. His fantasies and dreams are woven into a wildly comic, often moving mix. Jeff Seid is directing the play for Actors Ensemble, following his well-known staging of *Other People's Money* in 1936. For reservations, call 843-3456. Admission is \$9, with discounts for groups of 15 or more. *Jake's Women* is the third presentation of Actors Ensemble's season. William Nicholson's drama *Shadowlands*, based on the life of C.S. Lewis, will close the season in July and August.

Walking tour

Cerrito-based Bay Ventures holds guided walks designed for locals and visitors alike who want to learn about the San Francisco Bay area. On April 11, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. you can experience "Art Deco in Oakland." Oakland has one of the finest collections of Art Deco buildings in the western United States. See the Paramount Theater, the Rite Temple, I. Magnin's and the Fox Theater. Distance: 3.5 miles. Generally flat walk. Meeting place will be given with reservation. Tickets \$20. Details: 234-4834.

Brain-In-A-Box

The Speakeasy Theatre Company presents *Brain-In-A-Box*. Andrea, a low-tech one-woman show, from April 9 through April 19. This is the story of a young computer geek who can't decide if he's a human or a machine. Thanks too much like a computer, or a computer that's been programmed to think it's a person. Show times are Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5. The Speakeasy Theatre is located at 2016 University St. at University Avenue in Berkeley. Details: 845-4100.

Merican Bach Soloists

The award-winning American Bach soloists will present three Bay Area performances of the rarely performed St. John Passion by Johann Sebastian Bach. April 5, 7:30 p.m. in Berkeley's Bach First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant streets. Tickets: \$18, \$25, and \$32 with discount for students and seniors. Details and tickets: (415) 392-4400.

One-Act Theatre

The One-Act Theatre Festival will be presented by Black Dot Collective and the Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. in Berkeley on Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 6:30 p.m. *Ritual Theatre 2000*, *Life Beyond* is a two-day festival presentation of nine different theater pieces from some of the best new local and national hip and beyond. The pieces combine poetry, ritual, and guerrilla theatre. In-your-face and hard-to-forget the Black Dot Collective is a must experience for theater lovers of all ages.

Fun at Tilden

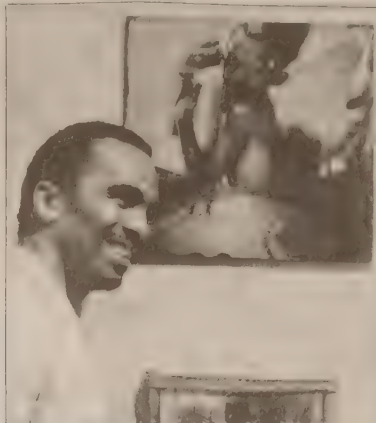
Upcoming programs at Tilden Regional Park: "Let's Go Fly a Kite," April 4, 2:30 p.m. Make a simple kite and try it for age 6 and older. \$3. "April Fooling!" April 5, 10 a.m. Share our stories of April fool pranks and also learn how nature fools us on a hike through the nature area. "Extravaganza!" April 11, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Learn about eggs and the history of Easter. Bring hard-boiled or blow eggs to decorate. Registration required. \$3. "Easter Sunday Stroll," April 12, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. A hike along the trails to see what is new in Natural fashions this season. Details: 525-2233.

Harpsichord duo

Music Sources presents John Whitelaw and Hilde Rosseel, harpsichord duo. April 5, 5 p.m. A reception follows. \$18 general; \$15 seniors and students. 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. Details: 528-1685.

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Kaba Konte with his photo 'Angels' at Pro Arts Gallery.



Berkeley photographer at Pro Arts Singular technique makes lasting image

By Wanda Sabir

Keba Konte, Berkeley resident and owner of Temple Gallery (now studio) on MLK Jr. Way, started making pictures with film when he was 14 and his mom, Pricilla, a portrait photographer herself, gave him his first camera. Sixteen years later his work is in great demand both nationally and internationally. His images have appeared in magazines such as Rolling Stone, Vibe, Rap Pages, Source;

and films: *Follow Me Home*, *Panthers*; and as part of national and international expositions from California and New York City, to Cuba and Africa.

Keba, who grew up in San Francisco's Ingleside, is currently a part of a show at Pro Arts Gallery, 461 Ninth Street (at Broadway) in Oakland, titled "Defiance: Our Selves, Black and Native American Photographers," through Saturday.

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A national treasure returns to Berkeley

by Carol Egan

On April 3 and 4 the Merce Cunningham Dance Company returns to Zellerbach Hall with two programs including an American premiere ("Pond Way," which debuted in Paris in January, 1998), as well as one West Coast premiere, three Bay Area premieres, and the revival of his 1975 "Sounddance." This marks the beginning of annual visits to the UC Berkeley campus, where the company will perform and offer residency activities.

Along with George Balanchine and Martha Graham, Cunningham has been one of the most influential dancer/choreographers of this century. Born and raised in Washington state, he studied dance at the Cornish School in Seattle before beginning his professional career in 1939 as a soloist in Martha Graham's company. For five years he danced roles created for him in many of Graham's masterpieces including "Every Soul is a Circus," "El Penitente," "Letter to the World," and "Appalachian Spring." In 1944 Cunningham presented his first independent solo dance concert, working in collaboration with the composer John Cage, a partnership that was to last until Cage's death in 1992. The summer of 1948 marked the beginning of an extraordinary period, one of numerous summers spent at Black Mountain College in North Carolina where, over a period of several years, Cunningham worked with an assortment of artists from various fields including John Cage, Robert Rauschenberg, Buckminster Fuller, Wilhelm de Kooning and his wife Elaine, Lou Harrison, Arthur Penn, and M.C. Richards.

Influenced by Cage, who by 1951 had begun to use chance operations in his musical compositions, Cunningham also turned to the use of chance and indeterminacy as creative tools. Examining



The Merce Cunningham Dance Company offers two programs at Zellerbach this weekend.

such as Robert Rauschenberg, Frank Stella, Jasper Johns, and Andy Warhol added their not insignificant contributions as designers. In addition to Cage, such contemporary composers as Morton Feldman, LaMonte Young, Pauline Oliveros, Gordon Mumma, Earle Brown, and David Tudor created scores for the dances.

Again following John Cage's philosophy, Cunningham believed that each element within the dance (i.e. design, choreography, music) deserved an independence within the artistic whole. This democratic view of the coexistence and interdependence of the visual arts, sound, and movement has had a revolutionary influence on all the arts.

Despite the autonomy of artists, astonishingly integrated results often ensued, such as Andy Warhol's helium-filled Mylar pillows which floated in air, originally designed by Warhol for an installation at the Leo Castelli Gallery and subsequently used in Cunningham's "Rain Forest," or the pointillistic backdrop and costumes painted by Rauschenberg for "Summerspace." Cunningham also redefined the dance performing space by creating "open field" works which could be viewed from multiple directions. No longer was the proscenium stage

the only area suitable for dance. Audiences who saw the magnificent "Ocean," presented in Harmon Gym two years ago will certainly attest to the power of this form of presentation.

Besides his pioneering work with John Cage and his many creations based on the use of chance procedures, Cunningham regards two other influences on his work as equal in importance: his explorations in film and video beginning in the early 1970s and his most recent experiments using a computer to discover nearly superhuman movements and phrases. The software program, *LifeForms*, now available to everyone, was first developed at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia with Cunningham's participation.

Despite all of his innovations Cunningham has remained consistent in regard to technique, never experiencing a period in which he let this aspect of dance diminish. Perhaps because he was such an extraordinary dancer himself, or from the demands placed on his dancers by the nature of his dance investigations, his company has always included some of the finest dancers available. Most of them are

Warner Bros. classics at UC

From April 10 through April 16 the UC Theatre screens a select lineup of Warner Bros. films to celebrate the studio's 75th anniversary.

April 10: "1970s." "All The President's Men," 2 p.m.; "Dog Day Afternoon," 4:45 p.m.; "Blazing Saddles," 7:30 p.m.; "The Exorcist," 9:30 p.m.; "A Clockwork Orange," midnight.

April 11: "1980s." "The Color Purple," 11 a.m.; "Chariots of Fire," 2 p.m.; "The Shining," 4:40 p.m.; "Risky Business," 7:30 p.m.; "Blade Runner," 9:30 p.m.; "The Shining," midnight.

April 12: "1990s." "Driving Miss Daisy," 11:30 a.m.; "The Fugitive," 1:30 p.m.; "Unforgiven," 4:15 p.m.; "Goodfellas," 7 p.m.; "JFK," 10 p.m.

April 13: "1930s." "The Jazz Singer," 3 p.m.; "42nd Street," 5 p.m.; "The Adventures of Robin Hood," 7 p.m.; "The Public Enemy," 9:15 p.m.

April 14: "1940s." "Mildred Pierce," 2 p.m.; "Now, Voyager," 4:30 p.m.; "Casablanca," 7 p.m.; "The Maltese Falcon," 9:15 p.m.

April 15: "1950s." "The Searchers," 2 p.m.; "Dial M for Murder," 4:30 p.m.; "A Streetcar Named Desire," 7 p.m.; "Rebel Without a Cause," 9:30 p.m.

April 16: "1960s." "Days of Wine and Roses," 2 p.m.; "Bullitt," 4:30 p.m.; "Bonnie and Clyde," 7 p.m.; "The Wild Bunch" (Director's Cut), 9:30 p.m.

Single Feature, \$6.50; Day Pass, \$15 includes commemorative souvenir neck pass; Festival Pass, \$60 includes commemorative souvenir neck pass and a special edition poster. UC Theatre, 2036 University Ave., Berkeley. 843-FILM.



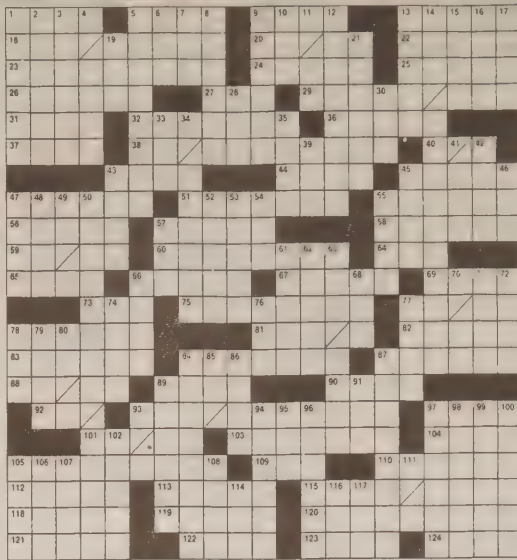
The Humphrey Bogart classic 'The Maltese Falcon,' at 9:15 p.m. on April 14 along with other great Warner films from the 1940s.

New York Times Magazine Puzzle

TWO BY THIRTEEN

BY ROBERT H. WOLFE / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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Events

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Live Oak Concerts

The Jamison Trio, with pianist Ann Kang in a performance of Haydn's Gypsy Trio in G Major and Brahms' Piano Quartet in G minor appears April 5 as part of the Live Oak Concerts series.

Jupiter Quarter plays on April 12.
Tickets: \$9 to \$10. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at Live Oak Park, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. Details: 644-6893.

Cal Performances

On April 9 at 8 p.m. Paco De Lucia will give a flamenco guitar performance of centuries-old Spanish gypsy music. Tickets: \$20 to \$36.

On April 5 at 3 p.m. the Russian National Orchestra, Mikhail Pletnev conducting, will perform works by Liadov, Glazunov and Prokofiev. Tickets: \$20 to \$42.

A Russian National Orchestra Benefit Party, a post-concert celebration to welcome the orchestra, is set for April 5 at 5:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit Cal Performances. Reservations required. \$200 to \$500. Details: 643-8783.

Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, UC-Berkeley. Details: 642-9988 or 762-BASS.

Chamber Music Sundaes

On April 12 at 3:15 p.m. San Francisco Symphony musicians perform the Brahms string quintet in G major, Martinu madrigals and the Brindl string quartet no. 3 as part of the Chamber Music Sundaes series.

Tickets: \$14 general; \$11 seniors and students. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Details: (415) 584-5946.

It's their party

The Aurora Theatre Company continues stagings of 'Abigail's Party' by Mike Leigh, through May 3. Set in an unnamed suburban English city in 1977, this is the story of teenage Abigail's first party and the adults' party next door that spins out of control.

Tickets: \$18 to \$25. Performances are Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Details: 843-4822.

'Mame' at Masquers

"Mame" by Jerry Herman, opens at the Masquers Playhouse April 3 and runs through May 16. The eccentric Mame introduces her nephew to her madcap world.

Tickets: \$12. Performances: Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; April 19, April 26, May 3 and May 10, 2:30 p.m. 105 Park Place, Richmond. Details: 232-4031.

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April 11.

This is the first time Keba has exhibited a selection of work depicting a unique technique, he calls "photomontage on wood." He says, "It's a technique I've been working on since December '97." (And this technique is really incredible folks, imagine photographs developed on wood, then refined or accented with a torch. I was so blown away I just had to ask the obvious.)

"Oh you develop the film on wood?"
"Yes exactly."

And what about the burnt scarring?

"That's done with a torch. I burn the wood. I usually try to burn it before, if I can, it seems more effective that way. But sometimes I don't really see...until after the piece is done that I want something burnt."

Keba wasn't giving up any tips or trade secrets (even when I promised to take notes off the record) so you'll have to go and figure it out for your-

self.

When you walk into Pro Arts, Keba's huge piece "Sacrifice" dominates the center wall. The dominant images are clouds (taken from a series of aerial photography—landscapes and cloud formations) and a man (who is actually a rapper, dressed as a slave.) The man holds an arrow in his left hand and a bow in his right. He appears to be striding through the clouds, however, one can't tell where the photo-images start and the surface begins the integration of the two is so complete. Besides the trees in the background, Keba has used his torch to scar an image (that looked to me like the continent of Africa.)

Asked if there was a story to this piece, Keba responded, "There really isn't a story, it's open for interpretation. Most of my pieces are based in my experiences, my run-ins, wherever I may happen to be and I find something that's powerful or pleasing to my eye and I try to make an image of it on film. There are two pieces in this show that are 'concept' pieces that started with an idea and then I executed it. (One of those is

Dance

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obviously trained in ballet as well as modern dance, and all have the long-limbed, extenuated look of a Cunningham dancer.

Merce Cunningham is remarkable for his continual exploration of new possibilities in dance. At the age of seventy-nine he still continues to push the envelope further than any other choreographer. Although his performing is now limited to brief appearances onstage, his creative spirit continues to soar and find new ways of shaping and

moving the human body.

Program A (Friday night) will feature the American premiere of "Pond Way," the West Coast premiere of "Scenario," and the Bay Area premiere of "Windows." Saturday night's Program B will bring Bay Area premieres of "Rondo" and "Ground Level Overlay" and the 1975 "Sounddance."

Tickets for the Cunningham performances are available at the Cal Performances box office, by phone at 642-9988, or at any BASS outlet.

'Stigmata,' from a poem; the other is 'Big Wolf'). Most of the pieces I capture them when I'm out, then when I'm working in wood I have a piece I think may work well. [Often] photos don't translate once I put them on wood. Generally the images (that are particularly powerful on wood) have an ancient quality, some type of timelessness about them. I try to not to do anything to contemporary."

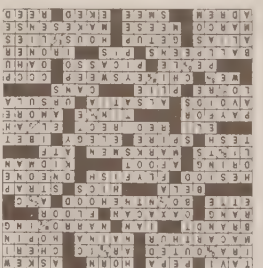
The frames are almost as interesting as what they enclose or shape. There's a photo of Keba sitting on his dad's lap that has an impressive shape, my favorite "Cal Before The Storm," a South African boy (with a lot of history in his face) on the bottom of a drawer that is framed by 21 bent nails. Most of Keba's frames are made from found objects.

"When I see a building being demolished I'll sort of check it out like a garbage bin or a pile of wood—I like a lot of wood with the peeling paint and heavy textures, with a distressed feel to it."

Keba's artistic influences are vast and wide. Berkeley artist, photographer Steven influenced Keba with collage images that look like shattered glass. "They have a lot of drama and emotion. He did series of collages with my photos of the Million Man March, that's when we started working together. And then Robert Rashtanburgh. He's done a lot of photo transfers—transferring photographs on different surfaces. He's just one more person taking his photography out of the traditional realm of black and white photography. White mat, still image. He's not a purist, in terms of the photography, nor am I."

Keba travels a lot and his camera always seems to be there when something big happens—like the Million Man March, the elections in South Africa—serious history, or monumental events. "But to the extreme opposite," he says, "I have taken pictures of some very ordinary places, some very ordinary moments. Take for instance the picture of the Jamaican boy sitting with his foot on a wheel—not to say that the island isn't a beautiful, interesting, and culturally rich place out in the Caribbean Ocean, however, just that moment in time, 'within that culture' is a very ordinary and very simple—it's just a boy's barefoot, dust-covered, a very primitive hand-made out of recycled materials wheel in the ground. Very basic compared to the 'monumental events.'"

Photomontage is soothing to Keba's spirit because here he is touch with both parents, his first role models—father (carpenter) and mom (photographer). "This medium where I'm manipulating wood and photog-



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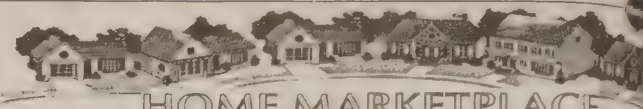


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NISSAN 1996 240SX. Only 8,500 miles! 5 speed, air, ps, pw, AM/FM cassette, tilt. #056652 \$13,995
Connell Auto Center
 Broadway at Piedmont/Oakland
 800-830-5311

NISSAN 1995 Maxima GXE, automatic, moonroof, new tires, excellent condition. 42K miles \$15,000 482-5377

NISSAN 1995 Quest XE. 7 passenger, loaded #640082 \$12,999
The New Broadway Volkswagen
 834-7711

NISSAN 1989 Maxima GXE. Automatic transmission, air conditioning. Power windows and door. White 99K. Excellent condition. New brakes and rear tires \$6250 510-5484347

NISSAN 1988 Stanza Wagon, A/T, A/C, Blue/Silver, 68K miles, rebuilt engine, rear doors side roof rack, lots of head and cargo room. \$2700 510-339-2746

OLDSMOBILE 1992 Royale 88. Loaded, 4 door, shop One owner \$6800 531-1206

OLDSMOBILE Eighty Eight, 1990. Loaded, all automatic, leather, garaged, \$6,550, offer 510-521-2082

PLYMOUTH 1989 Grand Voyager LE, 3L engine, 7 passenger, loaded, A/C, towing package, tinted window, new transmission and tires, runs and looks great \$3,350 272-1585 Oakland

PLYMOUTH 1990 Grand Voyager SE with LE package, V6, dual A/C, automatic transmission, fully loaded \$4999 best offer 510-733-9382

PLYMOUTH 1989 Cut, hatchback. A/C A/T, 110K miles. Great for student or commute car \$1900 531-2979

SAAB 1989 Turbo convertible. Red with black top, 63K miles, 5 speed, all service records, GREAT GRADUATION PRESENT! \$12,000. best offer 510-653-5348

101 Autos

SELL YOUR CAR FOR JUST \$15!

We'll run your advertisement for one week for JUST \$15! If your car doesn't sell, we'll run your 2nd week at NO CHARGE!

We sell results! Place your ad today!
 Call Classified, 339-8777!

SUBARU 1990 Wagon. Legacy, all power, automatic transmission, excellent driving condition. 145K, will go many more miles. message 522-3807 \$4000

TOYOTA 1997 Corolla. Auto, low miles #575607 \$11,899
The New Broadway Volkswagen
 834-7711

TOYOTA 1993 Tercel, 61K miles, A/C, 4 speed, excellent condition \$5000 Call Jonathan 510-595-8451

TOYOTA 1987 Camry, LE sedan. 127K miles \$2000 as is. Proven story, otherwise good condition. 526-4811, ask for Father George

VOLKSWAGEN 1987 Jetta 5 speed. Excellent condition, white, new stereo. CD, power, good brakes, good brakes, runs great. \$3500 or best offer 908-5009

VOLKSWAGEN 1986 Vanagon GL. 110K miles. On a owner. stock, dove blue, wonderful family car. Great condition Asking \$6K. Call 510-525-9490

VOLKSWAGEN 1988 Bug. Convertible, excellent condition. soft top 2 years old, new engine, new brakes, powder yellow with white top. \$5,000 336-9605

VOLKSWAGEN 1988 Jetta GL. Gray, all service records. A/C, AM/FM stereo (pull out). Good condition, runs great. \$3600! best offer. 834-5720

VOLKSWAGEN 1988 Vanagon GL. 7 passenger. pristine #067070 \$7,899
The New Broadway Volkswagen
 834-7711

VOLKSWAGEN 1995 Jetta. Auto. #111404, \$11,999
The New Broadway Volkswagen
 834-7711

VOLKSWAGEN 1996 Cabriolet. Leather, certified #004116 \$16,999
The New Broadway Volkswagen
 834-7711

VOLKSWAGEN 1993 Eurovan GL, 5 cyl., 2.5 lit. er, A/T, 59K miles, front/rear A/C. All power. Low package. \$15,700 510-522-0272

VOLVO 1989 740 Turbo Wagon. Loaded, excellent condition, 82K 59900 839-7790

VOLVO 1988 740 Turbo, 4 door sedan. AC, pw, AM/FM cassette, 5 speed manual transmission. Very good condition, runs well. 143K miles \$7700 or best offer 530-9643 or 531-9809

101 Autos

VOLVO 1979 245 Wagon. 2nd owner, runs great (mechanic approved). A/T, A/C, very reliable, new tires, tune-up. \$1800 or best offer \$10,000

104 Motorcycles

SUZUKI 1991 DR650, easy to ride, never been down. Must see to believe or best offer 415-531-3502

BULLETIN BOARD

As a community service The Hills Newspapers are pleased to offer Found, Giveaway, and Lost items. No charge. maximum 12 words for each.

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean or dirty. recycle them to help youngsters. Montclair office, 5707 Redwood Rd. and

205 Workshops & Classes

FREE "Boat Smart" Classes. Tackle enclosed boaters (all types). Starting Beginning April 1st, 7-9pm. Room 44. 655 Key Route Blvd Albany. 510-215-1897

206 Found

FOUND prescription glasses or sunglasses. Large clear brownish frame. \$20 or best offer. 510-523-9490

FOUND: Male dog, young, white, black and tan. 25th Redwood Heights. 654-1859

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary home. Homeless man/poorish, new roof, carpet. Marc 510-444-2004

"ABIGAIL" 1 1/2 years, DSH, black, affectionate, playful, teased, very cute. 444-3004

ABANDONED Cat. White, gray, black, brown, black, white, black, white. Petite black female. 654-1859

ELMO. 11 weeks, male, black, white, loving. Donation 532-2711

FIREWOOD. one year, black, white, black, white, black, white. 654-6484

FREE to good home. Must be able to provide spayed. Persimmon. 510-523-9490

208 Lost

CAT. Male, orange long hair, black, white, black, white, black, white. 510-834-8308

LOST. Cattle. Piedmont. Gray, black, white, black, white, black, white. 510-523-9490

REWARD: Dobberman puppy, black, white, black, white, black, white. needs medication, blood pressure. 510-523-9490

401 Help Wanted

WORD PROCESSING TECH
Contract position in a State office. Self-motivated, detail-oriented, WP 6.0, MS Word/Window 95, Excel, Lotus, spreadsheets, D-base, E-mail, data entry \$18/hr. Must have 5+ years exp. Send resume to RCF, 1503, 2151 Berkeley Way, Room 608, Berkeley, CA 94704 or Fax to 510-540-2062 by Friday, April 10

402 Independent Employment

Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required

403 Salon Opportunities

HAIRSTYLIST/Manicurist. Space available for each in quiet, Mediterranean style Rockridge Salon. Courtless walk-in! 652-8256

405 Employment Exchange

WANTED: housework Assistant, childcare 20 hrs/week in exchange for room/board/private bath. Monday-Friday early mornings (before 9) and Monday-Tuesday evenings (afternoon 9) after school. Salary for more than 20 hours. CDL references. 510-482-2475

406 Employment Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627

408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

CAREGIVER: young stroke survivor father/hill children Oakland Hills. Good audio studio apartment. Kathy 849-0185

409 Childcare Wanted

NANNIES
Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No fee. Mums Away, 559-9195

409 Childcare Wanted

CHILD CARE, 15 hours/week for boys 5 & 8. School pickup, light housekeeping. Fluent English, non-smoking, car, CDL, clean DMV reg. ed Rebecca 339-6223

409 Childcare Wanted

CARETAKER with car to take 5 and 8 year old to and from school and after school hours from 3-6 pm. 510-482-1346

409 Childcare Wanted

LIVE-IN housework assistant. Reliable, motivated, long-term for 7 year old family. Childcare, cooking, housework 20-40 hours/week CDL, car, English, references required. 845-0990

409 Childcare Wanted

NANNY needed for infant Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. 8:30 am to 6:30 pm in Piedmont. Must have car and valid CDL to pick up 5 year old sister from school in Berkeley. References and English speaking required. Call Laura at 654-9095

409 Childcare Wanted

LOVING childcare for 8 year old girl in Piedmont home. Afternoons, 10-12 hours/week. Non-smoking. Must have car and CDL. References required. 482-8090 evenings

409 Childcare Wanted

WHO'S the boss? You or my toddler? Helper needed for toddler newborn twins. Competent, flexible, humorous, fluent English. 337-1147

409 Childcare Wanted

LOVING, responsible sitter for 2 1/2 girls in our North Berkeley home. Light housekeeping. Monday-Friday 12-7pm or 3-7pm, some evenings and weekends possible, 10am-7pm holidays, summer 10am-5pm. 510-527-4466

409 Childcare Wanted

PART-TIME SITTER wanted in North Berkeley. Live home for seven month girl, sometimes 3 year old boy. Fluent English. 525-1846

409 Childcare Wanted

EXPERIENCED loving childcare for 9 month infant. Full-time, Mom's helper. El Cerrito. Non-smoking, references. 510-558-8802

409 Childcare Wanted

PIEDMONT NANNIES!!
• Loving nanny for 15 month old and newborn baby June. Full-time \$2400+
• Fun nanny for 7 and 4 year olds
• Full-time. Nice perks, car provided
Experience references. No fees
TOWN & COUNTRY NANNIES
(415) 461-7755

409 Childcare Wanted

★NANNIES NEEDED★
Full-time, part-time \$9-\$12/hour. References, experienced, car required. No fee. 338-3380
Be in Our Care Nanny Agency

409 Childcare Wanted

EXPERIENCED enthusiastic caregiver for 2 babies, 7 months and 2 months. 20 to 25 hours per week to start. Moving into full-time in summer. Excellent references, CPR. 482-5697 or 531-8869

410 Shared Childcare

SHARED nanny situation for our infant son. CDL, experience, references required. 510-531-8955

411 Childcare - Licensed

★NINI'S PLACE CHILD CARE★
has openings. Large family daycare with excellent references. Ages 12 months - 4 years old. Music, art, dancing classes. Home cooked meals. Large inside and playground area. Near El Cerrito BART. Call Anita, 524-2603. License #R070213295

412 Babysitting Offered

WONDERFUL caregiver (12 years experience, CDL, CPR certified) full-time in your home. Reads, sings, takes kids to parks, Zoo. 530-8466 or 535-1060

412 Babysitting Offered

ENGLISH nanny, 7 years experience now available, loving, thoughtful, responsible. Suburb local references. Car, CDL, full-time, live-out only. Kate 261-6727

413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Help Wanted (#408) and Caregiver/Domestic Help Wanted (#408)

413 Home Health Care Offered

24 hour in-home care inc. Companions. Cooking, housekeeping, bathing, meal, experienced. Full-time, part-time, hourly, bonded, insured. 685-4704 or 1-800-580-2253

413 Home Health Care Offered

SCANDINAVIAN Lady, responsible, fluent English, car, license seeks part-time, light home care, Piedmont/Montclair. 510-547-4450

413 Home Health Care Offered

HOME HEALTH SERVICES
Let us help you find a solution to the problem of taking care of your loved ones at home. 510-451-4700

413 Home Health Care Offered

FINANCIAL
502 Business Opportunities & Services
Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required

413 Home Health Care Offered

IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE?
Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth. The ideal business should require capital, marketing management and a unique product position.

413 Home Health Care Offered

If you are interested in selling all or part of your business, please send a brief business description and product brochure to: 5707 Redwood Dr., #4, Box K, Oakland, CA 94619

413 Home Health Care Offered

WORK at home, for yourself not by yourself. Recorded message. 1-800-257-4179

413 Home Health Care Offered

FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

601 Antiques & Art

QUEEN Anne formal dining set, carved Mahogany. Elegant 10 piece. Excellent condition. \$7900 925-756-7335

601 Antiques & Art

ANTIQUE Brass full bed. Value: \$800. 510-594-0343

602 Appliances

MAYTAG Heavy Duty washer, almost new, excellent condition. \$250. Whirlpool Heavy Duty Dryer, excellent condition. \$250. Or both \$475. 658-3356

602 Appliances

WHIRLPOOL washer/dryer in good condition. General Electric refrigerator, Sharp microwave, Kitchenaid double oven dishwasher and more. 428-2223

602 Appliances

KENMORE Microwave, like new condition, \$50. Coffee maker, kitchen utensils, blender, toaster, plates etc. \$5-\$50. 510-531-3502

602 Appliances

KENMORE gas dryer, GE washer, \$175 each. GE refrigerator \$250. 525-2254

602 Appliances

AMANA upright freezer, \$150; Kenmore refrigerator, \$250; Both white and in great condition. 510-530-5900

604 Garage & Estate Sales

The Berkeley Voice or The El Cerrito Journal Garage Sale regular deadline is Monday at 11 a.m. For more information call 339-8777.

604 Garage & Estate Sales

ALAMEDA- 2027 Clement. Almost Home. Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10-5. 10% - 50% of almost everything in the store Old radios, Rosewood Living Room Suite and China Cabinet, Fabulous Gilt Oriental Lacquer Screen, Massive Oak Eastlake China Cabinet, 2 Nortlake China Services, Several Deco Oak Hall Stands, Deco Vanities, Dressing and colored glass, Antique Cannon, Armories, Costume jewelry, crystal, porcelain, Franklin Mint Car Collection, Fabulous French Victorian Fire Screen, Red and Barton Tea Service. 510-523-8522

604 Garage & Estate Sales

ALBANY- 827 Polk St. Sunday, 9-1. Moving Sale. Everything must go!

604 Garage & Estate Sales

BERKELEY- 160 Hillcrest Rd Off Claremont. Big Moving Sale! Large items- beds, desks, tables, chairs - countless small items. Bring a truck! Saturday/Sunday 10am-2pm.

604 Garage & Estate Sales

BERKELEY- 147 The Uplands. New England Antique Spring Sale Friday 10-5 Saturday 10-2

604 Garage & Estate Sales

BERKELEY- 1512 Walnut. Saturday 9-4. Drive-way Sale! Chinese 19th Century calligraphy paintings, rubies, dollhouse and furniture, many toys, Lego table, McDonald's dishes, children and vintage clothing; much more.

604 Garage & Estate Sales

ESTATE SALE
OAKLAND- 2609 Mac Arthur Blvd. Saturday/Sunday 9-3. Desk, leather chairs, Empire furniture, books, file cabinet, teddy bears, sweaters, jewelry, glassware, toys more! RH Anderson

604 Garage & Estate Sales

JACK LONDON SQUARE
Antiques & Collectibles Market. First Saturday of every month, April 4th, 8-4. Dealer space available. 510-652-5728

604 Garage & Estate Sales

MONTCLAIR ESTATES
We buy estate contents, highest prices paid from one item up. Visit our store 2020 Mountain Blvd. Oakland. 339-6595

604 Garage & Estate Sales

HOUSE FULFILLMENT. Dining room table, hutch, china cab set, bedroom set, dresser, Lazyboy (almost new), washer/dryer, patio set, garden tools, household misc. Sunday 4/5 8-3pm. 320 Elysian Fields Drive, Oakland

604 Garage & Estate Sales

CHURCH FAMILY SALE
OAKLAND- (Evangelical Free Church) 6022 Seminary Ave. 1 block off I-580. 13 Saturday, 9-1. Children's clothing, toys and books. Refreshments

604 Garage & Estate Sales

OAKLAND- 5705 Keith Rockridge. New ping-pong table, Computer system, Oriental rugs, kids stuff. 604 Saturday 9-2.

604 Garage & Estate Sales

OAKLAND- 5649 Oak Grove Ave. MOVING! Years of stuff. Dive gear, banjo, tools. Saturday-Sunday 11am-3pm

604 Garage & Estate Sales

OAKLAND- 6232 Lawton Saturday, April 4th. 9-3. Multifamily Book Sale. Includes moving and estate sales. Wide variety. Rain cancels

604 Garage & Estate Sales

OAKLAND- 4000 Maybelle Ave. Estate Sale Saturday 9-4. Some antiques, furniture, 5 piece bedroom set, books, tools, decoys, miscellaneous housewares, glassware, sewing machine

604 Garage & Estate Sales

OAKLAND- 2701 Madeline (at Rhoda) Saturday, 9-4. Refrigerator, clothes, washer, women's shoes, cosmetics, earrings

604 Garage & Estate Sales

OAKLAND- 3025 Melvin Saturday April 4th 10am-3pm. Furniture, housewares, clothes and more!

604 Garage & Estate Sales

PIEDMONT- 330 El Cerrito. Saturday/Sunday, 9-4. Estate! Furniture, Bakara, household, jewelry, clothes. Daisy

604 Garage & Estate Sales

SALE Toys, wonderful hats, books, kids' clothes, household stuff. Saturday 11-4, 10-2. At BANANAS, 5232 Claremont, Oakland. Raindate Saturday 5/2

605 Home Furnishings

15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL
Buy 2 or more custom mini-beds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 569-7540 for details

605 Home Furnishings

MODERN queen size bedroom set. mattress, headboard, nightstands, armone \$1000. 5 piece dinette \$225. Walnut full with mattress \$500. 510-604-7195

605 Home Furnishings

BEACHES Italian Leather, taupe, reclining wingback chairs, value \$1800, sell \$650 each. 510-604-7195

605 Home Furnishings

WALNUT Pedestal Desk - Good condition \$650 or best offer. Call evenings or weekends. 510-865-0119

605 Home Furnishings

BEAUTIFUL Antique Executive Walnut Desk \$250 510-841-5544

605 Home Furnishings

LOVELY pastel floral sofa bed, 56" width (small). Excellent condition. \$400. 510-548-2260

605 Home Furnishings

8X10 CHINESE rug, 100% wool, beige with bamboo pattern carved in \$800. best offer. Drexel Queen Ann cherry sofa table, square cocktail table, good condition, \$500 each. best offer. 2 Heritage wing chairs, between \$250 and \$350 each. best offer. Heritage sofa, mint green velvet, \$500. best offer. Drexel solid walnut 1 piece wall unit, bookcase, entertainment center, (lighted) 10 wide by 6 8 high. \$1000. best offer. 925-254 8346

605 Home Furnishings

Niagara twin bed, therapeutic, automatic, adjustable, cycle massage, great for someone bedridden. Like new. 522-9058

605 Home Furnishings

HIGH quality chairs, buffet, desk, T.V., miscellaneouse, appointment only. 521-8898

605 Home Furnishings

BEAUTIFUL furniture, living room set: 3 piece black leather sofa, coffee table, overhead lamp \$750. 6 dining chairs, \$150. 510-601-1219

605 Home Furnishings

SOFA? 7' Clisco Brothers. Excellent condition, slip-covered, 100% cotton, multi-beige floral design 1 year old \$1400 (new). Sacrifice \$600. 482-1763

605 Home Furnishings

DINING Set, Drexel Heritage American/Oriental, Exceptional. Large table, 2 leaf, pads, 6 contour back chairs, large china 7x6" Three colors of mahogany, carved. Must sacrifice \$7,500. San Leandro 510-562-9555

605 Home Furnishings

CARVED dining set with buffet hutch, \$2800. Dark cherry armchair, \$550. Original Mayback \$4000. Diamond Ring, \$300. Best offer. 928-0775

605 Home Furnishings

PERSIAN Mahal carpet 9'x13, Pakistan-Afghan carpet (several). Excellent condition. \$3500. Private estate 451-2100; leave message 451-1400

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

PLAY IT AGAIN SPORTS
Alameda South Shore Center. Bargain Blow-out sale on Snowboards \$615, 25% - 40% off. Fold-up Treadmills, Steppers, exercise bikes, \$21-3833

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

FOR SALE- Data 10 inch bench saw with stand. 649-0608

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

SPRINT PCS phone. Almost new. Originally \$250. \$150. Health insurance. \$300. \$100. Two children's bikes, \$25 each. 521-3437

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

MONTCLAIR Swim Club: Get in shape, with the kids or without. Great facilities. Before the summer rush \$450. 601-5924

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

COMPUTER PC Combination Compaq (486) Presario 433 and Canon Laser Jet Printer in great condition, fully loaded. Only \$500 call John at 482-4238

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

FREEZER, 21cu.ft., manual defrost, reliable. \$300. best offer. Day-bed, trundle, metal frame, brass trim, white fringe cabinet, \$25. Use gift Kimball panel, faux-Box finish, \$450. 523-0662

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

WEDDING Dress, Fabulous Galena style, 10, \$595. 3 Jessica McClintock bridesmaid dresses. 8-10 \$85. All cleaned. 547-2738 or 547-3574

607 Miscellaneous Wanted

WANTED- An old toy train. Lionel, Marx, American Flyer. Yes. 547-1278

608 Musical Instruments

YAMAHA Disklavier, walnut, upright. Use as a traditional, recording, or player piano. Excellent condition. 482-1591

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

HOP-A-LONG animal Resue seeks tax deductible donations, serviceable crates, cages, leashes, collars, food, litter. 510-655-7895

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

RENTALS - MISCELLANEOUS
PUBLISHER'S NOTICE
Equal Housing Opportunity

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

All real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which makes it illegal to discriminate "any discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial composition or physical handicap, or an intention to make such preference, limitation or discrimination." This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the laws. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. Provided as a service by Hills Newspapers, Inc. and the Oakland Association of REALTORS on behalf of REALTORS who are signatories on the Voluntary Affirmative Marketing Agreement.

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

702 For Rent - General
COUNTRY RANCH
Lovely country side dwelling. Cape Cod farm house, 2 bedroom, acreage. Fresh air, quiet, decks, jacuzzi. No crime. Non-smoking, pets. \$1300. 707-965-2133

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

703 Garage & Storage Rentals
MONTCLAIR Village garage parking available. \$50/month. 530-9376

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

704 Housing Wanted
RESPONSIBLE, non-smoking couple with dog seek one bedroom apartment, in-law or cottage with yard. North Oakland/Berkeley. Reduced rent in exchange for yardwork, pet care ideal. David: 923-0622, Melissa: 339-2004

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

SINGLE, professional woman, 26 years old, seeks to lease 2-3 bedroom home in Oakland, Berkeley hills. Excellent references. Day 510-450-9555 ext. 232; evenings 510-336-0413

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

RESPONSIBLE Couple seeks furnished house or large condo with bay view for 2-3 months. Beginning Mid-June. Local references. 813-996-7450

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

APARTMENT WANTED
Attorney seeking 2-bedroom apartment, South Berkeley, Rockridge, Piedmont, Lake Merritt vicinity, walking distance to BART, 1 and 1/2 baths, \$800 to \$1100 plus utilities, May 1 move-in. Call Richard at 232-9870

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

ACCESSIBLE 1 bedroom/studio for short-term (April-May) for careful, mature female. Excellent references. Call David OK. Please leave message at 510-272-0230 or 415-752-3262

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

WANTED: Short-term furnished 1-2 bedroom apartment or single-story home July-September for parents of Rockridge resident, Rockridge or Elmhurst preferred. 510-656-6683

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

SHY about renting out that sub-standard space? Rent it to us. Must have bathroom access, etc. John B. 635-4206

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

OLDER Computer Programmer wants to share home with other quiet people. Call John B. 635-4206

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

707 Vacation Rentals
Bed & Breakfast
MENDOCINO
Lovely ocean front 1 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, hot tub. Tranquil and enchanting. Ask for the house on "Ocot Cove". 510-272-0392, evenings. Special rates available

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

NORTH Tahoe: Dollar Point, 4 bedroom home, sleeps 9. View, free pool, beach, tennis. 650-323-4055

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

SPRING Skiing, North Tahoe Condo, sleeps 8. \$150 per night. 2 night minimum. 510-531-6103

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

SPRING Break in Coronado, 1/2 block to beach. 3+ bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. \$1500/week. 619-231-6191

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

RUSSIAN River beachfront home, great views, private beach, fireplace, Jack, sun porch, near ocean. 510-524-3164

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

APTS. - CONDOS - FLATS
FOR RENT

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

709 Alameda
\$525 STUDIO, Enchanted/Benton, includes utilities. No pets, Agent 523-1115

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710 STUDIO APT. RENTALS
Alameda
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710 STUDIO APT. RENTALS
Alameda
\$550 INLAW studio with Bay view, Laundry, Utilities included. Good references required. 521-9887

711 1 BED. APT. RENTALS
Alameda
\$750 ONE bedroom, Victorian building, laundry, near transportation, 1 year lease, available April 15. 758-8266

712 2 BED. APT. RENTALS
Alameda
\$1850
★MANSON ON LAGOON★
Beautiful Victorian, spacious, sunny, high ceilings, hardwoods, balcony, view, quiet, rear grounds with trees, lawns, gardens on water, parking. Excellent location. Must see! 510-769-9229

713 3+ BED. APT. RENTALS
Alameda
\$1250 3 BEDROOMS, large, new carpets, new paint, laundry facilities. Pets OK. 748-1799

713 3+ BED. APT. RENTALS
Alameda
\$1250 THREE E bedroom, 1 bath, lower flat. Victorian, enclosed yard, washer/dryer hookups, nice neighborhood. 510-865-2690

714 Albany & Kensington
Albany, Kensington, El Cerrito, Studio, one, two, three bedroom apartments, flats, houses. Berkeley Connection, 845-7821

715 Berkeley
\$525 PARKING available, pets okay, laundry. Near UCB and transportation. Channing/Milvia. #A4769-B Homefinders 549-6450

716 STUDIO APT. RENTALS
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\$5 off with this ad on regular subscription. FREE PREVIEWS - FREE PHONE USE. FREE TO LIST - UNLIMITED CONTINUAL UPDATES. MONEY BACK GUARANTEE. 845-7821. 2840 COLLEGE AVENUE - SINCE 1975

717 1 BED. APT. RENTALS
Berkeley
\$632 SUNNY, spacious 1 bedroom, University Ave. Laundry, shopping, 3 blocks BART. No pets. 601-5363

717 1 BED. APT. RENTALS
Berkeley
\$778 1 1/2 BEDROOMS, hardwoods, spacious, parking, lots of light. Hearst/Curtis #22810-B Homefinders 549-6450

717 1 BED. APT. RENTALS
Berkeley
\$800 ONE bedroom garden apartment, 5 blocks to campus. Corn laundry, No pets. 986-9311

717 1 BED. APT. RENTALS
Berkeley
\$650 UPPER PIEDMONT AVE.
275 41st Street. Cozy 1 bedroom, close to shopping, transportation. Intercom entry and paint. Call 847-1609

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\$650 1 BEDROOM above Lake Merritt
ton Ave. 843-3471

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\$650 ADAMS Point. Grand Lake view, clean, hardwoods, new paint, inside laundry. 955-3840

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Berkeley
\$635 DIAMOND DISTRICT, large commercial property. Parking, neighbors. CFS/Select 359-1602

717 1 BED. APT. RENTALS
Berkeley
\$645 One Bedroom
★GREAT LAKE AREA★
Spacious. New carpet, part. Garage. Near BART. Grocery. Modern bath. Jackson 510-632-3384

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April 4
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April 5
Mira Vista United Church of Christ: 10 a.m.; Palm Sunday worship with the Reverend Shirley M. Bromley preaching on "Paradox of Passion and Palms"; 7075 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito; 234-0110.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; the Reverend James Stickney preaches on "The Sunday of Palm and Passion"; 9 a.m. monthly pot-luck breakfast; 1501 Washington Ave. Albany, 525-1716.

Literature/Women/Tibetan Culture: 6 p.m.; "Yeshe Tshogyal, Liberated Woman of Tibet" with Zara Wallace; Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley; 843-6812.

Christian Science Services: 10 a.m.; church and Sunday school services, with readings from the Bible and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy on the sermon "Unreality." Spruce St., Berkeley: 848-2047.

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists: 10:30 a.m.; "Holding Both Hope and Loss" with Marion Visel. Children's religious education, classes from preschool through junior high, child care for toddlers; 1924 Cedar at Bonita, Berkeley; 481-4824.

April 9
Presbyterian Women in St. John's Presbyterian Church: 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Rowena Jackson of Church Women United will present Hildegard of Bingen, 12th century mystic; 2727 College Ave., Berkeley; reservations, 527-3052 or 848-1350.

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Comparables: often more art than science

Just an opinion

Another appraiser might conceivably have found a value of \$162,000 or \$165,000. But it's hard to imagine any reasoned opinion of value that would differ by more than a couple of thousand dollars from my value. An appraisal is, after all, an opinion.

As you might imagine, the choice of comps is not always so simple. Imagine a 60-year-old three-bedroom, two-bath home in the East Bay hills on a large, steep lot with a Bay view and a finished recreation room with half bath in the basement. In the condominium example above, the comps were in fact all nearly identical to the subject.

Many people actually think that only nearly identical homes are really comps. In this second example, though, it's going to be almost impossible to find a recent sale that is almost identical to the subject. First of all, almost any 60-year-old home has been considerably altered from its original configuration.

Scarcely identical

So that even if we find a recent sale of a nearby home which was identical to the subject when both were built in 1938, the chances that the two homes are still identical would be small. For example, the

finished basement/bath combination will almost surely be a later alteration not matched in the recently sold home. If there are no permits for this work, the situation could be further complicated.

Considering the view, 60 years of vegetation and tree growth will probably have greatly altered the views in different ways. In fact, a great many older homes in the hills which were built to take advantage of a wonderful view have had their views completely obliterated because the homeowner on the adjacent downhill lot has a fondness for redwood or eucalyptus trees.

Doing it right

The proper way to choose comps for an appraisal like this is to find the most similar homes possible. But make sure that you have at least one comparable sale that matches each important characteristic of the subject.

To match the view, you may have to use a comp that is newer or smaller or has more bedrooms, but you can use your experience in the local market to adjust for these differences. To match the age and bedroom count, you may have to use a property without a view—one on a level lot.

See LYONS on page 2



Photo by Karen Ward

Generosity shows through

Members of the Berkeley Association of Realtors (BAR) Homeless Fund Committee recently gave out checks totaling \$6,000 to three organizations that are dedicated to helping local homeless people.

Pictured are: Sally Hindman (Chaplaincy to the Homeless), Joy Clinton (Women's Daytime Drop-In Center), Toba Schwartz, (Prudential Realty), David Kafton (Kafton Real Estate), LaVonne Martin (First American Title),

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El Niño fails to dampen home sales

The California real estate market is sizzling despite the drizzling, the California Association of Realtors and Transamerica Intellitech's MetroScan service reported today.

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 621,560 in February at a seasonally-adjusted annualized rate, according to information collected by C.A.R. from more than 80 Multiple Listing Services (MLS) statewide. Statewide home resale activity was up 11.5 percent from the 557,470 sales pace recorded in February 1997. Resale activity posted an increase of 7.7 percent in February 1998 compared to January 1998.

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 1998 would be if sales maintained the February pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California during February 1998 rose to \$186,580, an 11.2 percent increase over the \$167,790 median for February 1997, C.A.R. reported. The February 1998 median price declined by 2.1 percent compared to January 1998.

C.A.R., in conjunction with Transamerica Intellitech's MetroScan service, reported that two-thirds of California cities and communities showed an increase in their respective median home prices from a year ago.

"Beverly Hills joined the million dollar club in February as one of three cities in the Golden State with a median home price of a million dollars or more — one more indication of the economic renaissance in Southern California," said C.A.R. President Tim Corliss.

"Statewide, February's highest home price posted the median annual increase since September 1989, while home sales were at the highest level since December 1988."

Highlights of C.A.R.'s resale housing figures for February 1998: • C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in February 1998 was 7.4 months, down from 10.2 months for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

• Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 7.04 percent during February 1998, down from 7.65 percent in February 1997, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 5.60 percent in February 1998, up slightly from 5.49 percent in February 1997.

• The number of days it took to sell a single-family home declined to 49 days in February 1998 from 58 days in February 1997.

Regional MLS sales and price information is contained in the charts that accompany this press release. Regional sales data is not adjusted to account for seasonal factors that can influence home sales.

The MLS median price and sales data for detached homes is generated from a survey of more than 90 associations of Realtors throughout the state. MLS median price and sales data is based on a survey of 64 Associations. The median price for both detached homes and condominiums represents closed escrow sales.

"The underlying market dynamic in the California housing sector is very strong," said Leslie Appleton-Young, C.A.R.'s vice president and chief economist. "Low mortgage interest rates, rising consumer confidence and low unsold inventory all point to continued home price appreciation in the coming months."

In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by C.A.R. and Transamerica Intellitech's MetroScan service, 213 of 323 California cities and communities showed an increase in their respective median home prices from a year ago.

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Using the MetroScan database, median home prices are generated from new and existing condominium and single-family closed escrow sales. These localized MetroScan statistics are based on county records data rather than MLS information.

Note: Large changes in local median home prices typically indicate both local home price appreciation, and often, large shifts in the composition of housing market activity. Some of the variations in median home prices may be exaggerated due to compositional changes in housing demand.

The MetroScan tables listing median home prices in more than 320 California cities within 26 counties is accessible through the C.A.R. Web site: www.car.org.

Statewide, the 10 cities and communities with the highest median home prices in California during February 1998 were: Hillsborough, \$1,317,500; Woodside, \$1,025,000; Beverly

Hills, \$1,000,000; Belvedere/Tiburon, \$810,000; Monte Sereno, \$775,000; Atherton, \$767,500; Los Altos, \$728,000; Los Angeles-Westside, \$690,000; Pacific Palisades, \$643,500; Palos Verdes Estates, \$639,000.

Sacramento-based Transamerica Intellitech is a leading provider of information and software solutions for real estate industry professionals throughout the U.S. Its parent, Fortune 500 company Transamerica Corporation, is one of the world's largest financial services companies. Transamerica has provided specialized financial, life insurance and real estate products and services for nearly 70 years.

The California Association of Realtors is one of the largest state trade organizations in the United States, with more than 90,000 members dedicated to the advancement of professionalism in real estate. C.A.R. is headquartered in Los Angeles.

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Again, you adjust for these differences. Eventually you surround the subject with comps that individually differ from the subject but which, collectively, match as well as possible the characteristics of the subject. You will probably end up with five or six comps instead of the minimum of three.

Check with agents

As an appraiser, I often speak with agents involved in the sales of my comps in order to learn as much detail about the comp and its sale conditions as I possibly can. In the course of these conversations, agents may ask me about the home I'm appraising.

If the appraisal is for anything but a sale, I always maintain the confidentiality of the homeowner. If the appraisal is for a sale, there is often no particular reason for confidentiality and I may tell the agent the address of the subject.

On more than one occasion, I've been told that the recent sale I'm asking about is not a comp. I'm always a little startled, but I'm as polite and noncommittal as possible, trying to get the information I need without encouraging any more discussion along those lines.

Apples and oranges?

What the agents are saying is that they know both homes and they are not identical. But this does not mean that they can't be compared. In fact, if we require a very high degree of similarity between subject and comp, there are no num-

ber of homes that simply cannot be appraised by the Sales Approach.

Practically speaking, the home can't be appraised because the two methods of appraisal, which are very different, are not comparable.

I'm sometimes asked why I'm not appraising these agents' homes. They are saying we're strictly appraising some of the homes they could not be appraised. I'm saying that no loan could be made on those homes. I'm appraising them for prospective purchasers. This means that such homes could be purchased for 100 percent of their value with no financing involved. This severely curtails the number of homes for those agents who are appraising.

Art of appraising

Looked at from the extreme, any two homes are comparable. Of course, you can make some pretty large adjustments to defend adjustments. Comparing a one-bedroom era cottage with a million-dollar mansion. In fact, appraising lies precisely in the art of the appraiser.

With in-depth, diligent research, with certainty is that the appraiser is the best available. Not all really good, but some way things are sometimes.

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We're getting everything ready to put a new listing on the market and I'm having a fine time. It's my job to write ads, decide what comments to make on multiple listing for the house and — best of all — compose a house flyer for buyers.

I've been working on what to say, how best to describe this house for a couple of weeks now. My folder contains many pieces of paper, word notes scribbled at different moments, sometimes just as I get out of the shower.

Almost always I begin the process by reading poetry and song lyrics, going through pages slowly, sinking into other people's writing. I'm looking for something written to match the feeling, the spirit of the house I will represent.

The house in this case is quite wonderful, very charmingly put together in all respects. It sits surrounded by a great garden, a little more than a quarter acre site with some bay views. The house is about 50 years old, a single-story ranch sort of house originally, but with the additions of white trellising across the covered front porch, numerous French doors, and multipaned windows, it has taken on a sweet country-lane house style.

The garden site is glorious: full sun, a gentle slope in the back, and it is an unusually wide expanse, easily walkable and workable. There are trees — but not too many — and wisteria on an arbor, lots of roses, irises, hyacinths. Also wooden decks from the bedrooms and a hot tub. I would love to have this garden for my own.

The house was divided into two parts long ago. The main part includes a large entry room, living and dining rooms, a beautifully laid

Letting creative juices flow

out and outfitted kitchen, two bedrooms and two baths. The second part of the house is a large home office or guest quarters or artist studio with its own bath and a bit of a kitchen. This section is reached either through a door in the two-car garage or from the wide side garden.

I could, of course, describe the house in ads and on the handout as I have here: wonderful, charming, glorious. But I want more. I want readers of my words to realize what feeling this house has, to either read an ad before seeing the house and be drawn there. Or, after being there, take away and read the words and remember it well.

The poetry inspires me. Although I didn't find anything in my books that was just what I wanted to use, I wrote a poem of my own that calls to mind the blue sky and water, the sun and flowers, the wide front porch and the wide back garden at the house.

I took my poem and my notes of description — a collection of words I find beautiful — and went to see my friend Elizabeth Delphay, a graphic artist and every-otherwise artist. Elizabeth and I do property flyers together and it is magic, my most favorite part of a new listing.

Last week we went together to the house, lingered there inside and in the garden so Elizabeth has a picture in her head too. She sits at her computer and I read my words to her. We bounce them back and forth between us, agreeing on each or not, changing some.

We decide on the main title, choose a flowery script for the largest letters on the page: A Love of a House in the Middle of a Deep, Wide, Rich Garden. To emphasize wide, Elizabeth turns the format lengthwise. She inserts a sketch of the house and broadens it with a single thin line on either side which gives the sketch a good place to settle.

Elizabeth types, begins to lay out the rest of the copy. We laugh and try out different things, move words around. She looks at different type fonts and sizes. It's a good

collaboration and lots of fun.

The lower part of our layout we divide into features of the house, one for the separate office/studio (which we call a Separate Retreat), one for the main house, and the last for the garden.

Rather than listing all of the rooms and finishes, we select the outstanding features such as these: The main house contains "a choice kitchen, many many-lite windows,

watch the parts of the piece come together. We still need to add some facts, the basics: address and price, pest control bid and such, Tarpo & Talbert name and phone. "Pest \$735" is placed in our feature section; also "all appliances."

Now what? We like all the white space we've allowed around the house sketch, poem and list of features. We would like to keep this freshness. We know that

Elizabeth smiles as she types: "55 Franciscan Way, Kensington, \$365,000. Tarpo & Talbert. Residential Real Estate. 653-2050. Open Sun., April 5, 2 to 4, and Thurs., April 9, 9:30 a.m. to noon."

timeless quality, lyrical old mantle", to name a few. The separate retreat has a garden entrance, no stairs, good light. In the garden are wooden sitting spaces and golden bridge views and the garden is sprinkled, enclosed, protected.

Our subject is so "photogenic" and the world is so full of so many fine words that we feel giddy playing with them. For a couple of hours we place, toss, mix words to form a border around all four edges of the flyer. We use the same fancy script that we used for the title but much smaller, and this gives the border a lacy look, like a Valentine.

We can't use all of the words: some are better than others, more evocative, less contrived. We drop "Happy as a Lark" and "Easy but Elegant" in favor of "Flamingo Night Skies", "Songbirds" and "You Can Hear Yourself Humming."

We watch the computer screen,

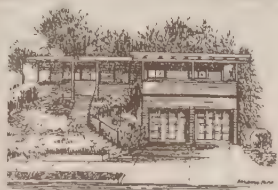
people will be handed this flyer after they are inside the house. Probably they will already know the address and price. So what if we put these in the outside border? The border type is small and can only be read as the page is turned in hand.

We consider, then let out a simultaneous, gleeful hoot. We like the idea of putting the obvious in a need-to-search-for spot. "It will be a puzzle," says Elizabeth smiling as she types around the page: "55 Franciscan Way, Kensington, \$365,000. Tarpo & Talbert. Residential Real Estate. 510-653-2050. Open Sunday, April 5th, 2 to 4, and Thursday, April 9th, 9:30 to noon."

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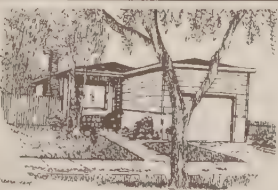
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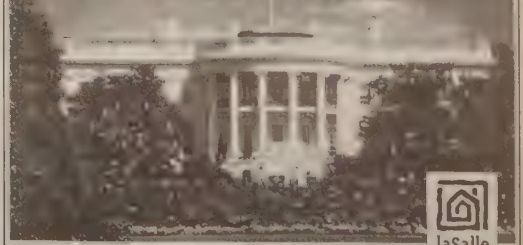
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Which should come first, the purchase or the sale?

It would be nice if you could trade in one house for another as easily as you can trade an old car in on a new one. Unfortunately, it's a bit more complicated with houses.

Many homeowners can't afford to seriously shop for a new home until they have found a buyer for their existing home. They simply can't qualify to carry two homes at once. But even if you can qualify to own two houses at once for a short period, is it wise to take this approach?

Buying first removes the risk that you'll have to move twice.

Why buy first?

There are certain advantages to buying first. You know where you'll be living next, when you can take occupancy and how much you'll be paying.

Buying first removes the risk that you'll have to move twice. Many repeat home buyers fear that they'll have to move to an interim rental if they sell first and don't find a replacement home by the time they have to turn their home over to the new buyers.

Also, homeowners who have outgrown their home may find the home easier to sell if they move out before the marketing process begins. Then the property can be staged for sale. It can also reduce

stress on families with small children and pets if they're living elsewhere when the house is shown.

Money drawback

All of this takes money, however. This is the biggest drawback of buying a new home before selling the old one. Suppose you close on the new home before you sell the old one. If the market slows, it could take months longer to sell your home than you anticipated it would.

before you sell, find out the current market value of your home. Ask a knowledgeable real estate agent in your area to prepare a comparative market analysis.

A local area specialist should be able to give you a good idea what your home is worth in the current market.

Don't make the mistake of pricing your home according to how much your new home will cost. The cost of your new home has no effect on what a buyer will pay for your existing home.

Some homeowners make the mistake of relying on a refinancing appraisal that was done years ago. This might not be an accurate measure of the value of your home in today's market.

The real estate market is always changing. As it changes, the value of your home changes.

Learn local market

In addition to getting an educated opinion about the market value of your home, find out as much as you can about local market conditions. Is it a buyer's or a seller's market? In a hot seller's market, the chances of a quick sale are much higher than in a soft buyer's market.

Find out if there are any problems with your home that could make it difficult to sell. Is it located across the street from a noisy school? Is

The cost of paying double house payments adds up quickly. You may have to reduce the price to stimulate showings. Ultimately you could sell for way less than you hoped you would.

One repeat buyer, who bought before selling, had to turn around and sell the home she'd just purchased when her old home failed to sell after six months on the market. There was more demand for her new home which was in a lower price range.

So when her money ran out, she put the new one on the market and it sold. She ended up back where she started, living in her old house. This unpleasant experience cost her about \$50,000.

Important first step

Before deciding whether to buy

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it next to a busy freeway? Does it lack a garage or a second bath? Is the floor plan awkward?

Assess the risk factor of buying first before you get locked into a purchase agreement. If it's likely that your home will sell quickly, it may be worth taking the risk of buying before selling.

But if the marketability of your home is questionable, consider taking the more conservative route of selling before buying.

Don't forget to factor in your tolerance for stress. Owning two homes can cause sleepless nights for those who are prone to worry.

Dian Hymer is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Buying and Selling a Home in California," and "Starting Out, The Complete Home Buyer's Guide," both from Chronicle Books. Order copies from Chronicle books: (800) 722-6657.

Rates remain steady

In the Mar. 26 Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.08 percent, with fees and points averaging 1.1 percent. This bellwether rate is unchanged from last week's average.

In the last week of March 1997, the 30-year fixed averaged 7.97 percent.

The start rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 5.70 percent with fees averaging 1.2 percent, up 3 basis points from last week's average of 5.67 percent. This time last year this start rate averaged 5.71 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing market, fell a single basis point to 6.69 percent from last week's average of 6.70 percent. Fees and points averaged 1.1 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed averaged 7.48 percent.

"Affordable mortgage rates have helped create an outstanding housing industry these last few years," said Freddie Mac deputy chief economist Frank Nothaft.

"Conditions are simply perfect housing — the economy is stable, inflation is low or nonexistent, employment remains at high levels. And the best part is we don't foresee any drastic changes in this envi-

ronment."

Freddie Mac is a stock-owned corporation chartered in Congress in 1970 to ensure a continuous flow of funds to lenders.

The organization supports the money to mortgage lenders and then packages mortgages into marketable securities.

In this way Freddie Mac maintains a stable mortgage system and reduces the risk paid by home buyers.

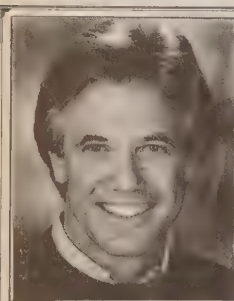
Over the years, Freddie has opened the doors for home buyers and lenders in America.

More information on Freddie Mac can be found on the company's Web site: www.freddie.com.

Updates on the latest Mac averages are available Thursday after noon. Call 888-780-2060 for updates.

On Mar. 31 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco raised the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for April 1998 from 4.968 percent down from the 4.987 percent rate in effect for March 1998.

The COFI is the index used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable-rate mortgages.



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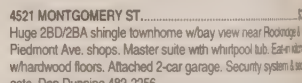
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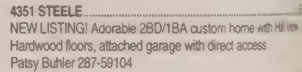
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Anyway, while I was figuring out how to market and advertise hemorrhoid preparations and Saturns, I was also buying and fixing up real estate in the Bay Area. And I just kept thinking, what if you marketed houses the same way you do hemorrhoid preparations?

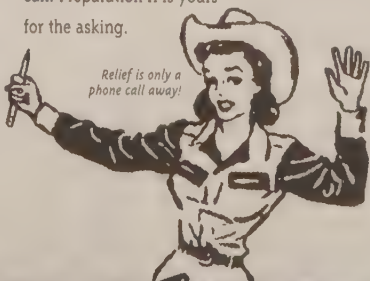
Or for that matter, Saturns?

It seemed just as we had developed a unique personality for Saturn that helped sell it, every single house in Berkeley and Oakland has its own personality. And what's true of cars is just as true of houses. People don't fall in love with three bedrooms, two baths and gleaming hardwood

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And given that, in real estate transactions, you run into a lot of people who could use a hemorrhoid preparation, well, it just seems maybe my vast experience in that area will help. Among other things, I can help figure out the personality of your house and match it to those who have, yes, the itch.

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Getting financed on Internet

H. W. Moss

Apart from the trauma of negotiating the purchase price, few aspects of a real estate transaction are as nerve-wracking as lining up a

the procedure is prying and it can fall apart at any time. Loans come in a wide variety of flavors, their rates are not guaranteed nor can borrowers be sure they are paying the lowest price for the money. The entire purchase hangs on whether or not the mortgage broker will come through and the time advice is to shop around which can be very time consuming.

So it may come as something of a pleasant surprise to learn that mortgage brokers are a booming business on the Internet where numerous sites are devoted to finding and processing loan packages.

Two of these sites are loanlist.com and eloan.com and Monument Mortgage manages three sites. All of these companies are physically located in the San Francisco Area but boast an international presence when they pop up in cyber space.

Mortgage brokers, like real estate sales people, have jumped on the Net with both feet. A search on "mortgage loans" using Infoseek returned up 669,690 pages containing at least one of those words.

A word of caution: Mortgage brokers doing business in this state must be licensed under the California Department of Real Estate (DRE), the same license as a real estate broker. Soliciting a mortgage offering to broker loans is a business for which a license is required. The DRE has issued a memo warning their policy with regard to advertising on the Information

Highway.

"If you are not properly licensed in California, you may not solicit California residents," reads the DRE paper titled Inter-Net Advertising. "To do so would be considered conducting activity for which a real estate license is required."

Although the DRE admits that so far they have not taken legal action against anyone who may be in violation of licensing laws in their Net ads, it is only a matter of time.

Eloan.com appears to be exclusively for the benefit of borrowers. The menu selection contains such headings as Search for Rates, Qualify for a Loan, Set Up a Rate Watch, Monitor a Loan and Online Resources.

The "rate watch" is a nice feature. It allows potential borrowers to fill in the form on the type of mortgage they want, what rate and how many points they are willing to pay. After giving a few more pieces of information, there is an immediate response which tells whether or not such a loan is available. If it is, the loan process can begin.

If the loan is not currently available, the borrower can change some of the information and try again, or have an automatic e-mail sent to them when the loan is available. One problem, however, is that if the loan request fails, the parameter or reason for not finding that specific loan is not given.

"We've taken the loan agent out of the process," said Janina Pawlowski, a loan agent for eight years and cofounder of eloan.com. "You end up getting a lower interest rate. It's been very well received. You don't have to disclose very personal information and on a daily basis we are receiving online some-

where between 80 to 100 applications."

Pawlowski said there are eleven states that do not require mortgage brokers be licensed although you have to register as one. "All the other states you have to obtain a license. And in some states, you actually have to have bricks and mortar: You must have an office in Arizona which drives up the consumer's cost."

The other site, loanlist.com, is run by American Mortgage Listings (AML) and it may be used by both borrowers and lenders who are told they can "find loan candidates" there. AML has a disclaimer page which deals primarily with such things as the fact there can be no guarantee the loan request will be funded and certain borrowers may have trouble reading some of the pages. Nowhere on either site do they address the DRE's concerns that mortgage brokers be licensed.

Monument Mortgage's three sites are aimed at different aspects of the lending industry, according to Monument's president, Jim Noack. Consumers can visit qualify.com, real estate professionals are welcome at thepn.com (for Property Transaction Network) and mortgage brokers will find monument.com useful.

"Those three are an integrated system that attempts to deliver real estate financial services, not just home loans," said Noack. "We can run the loan through Fannie Mae's desktop underwriter program and about eight minutes later you get your underwriting loan approval back. Monument Mortgage will either close that loan if they want us to, or, if they choose a different lender, will assign that loan ap-

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South Bay mania a sellers market

Something weird is happening with the South Bay and Peninsula real estate market.

As with real estate in the entire San Francisco Bay Area, there is a shortage of inventory forcing multiple offers often bidding up the price in the process.

This is a dream of a seller's market and a real nightmare for the buyer. It has reached a new low, or I should say, new high in the South Bay.

One of our long-term clients came to us to get preapproved for the purchase of a new home. He and his wife both have jobs in the Silicon Valley and they live in West Contra Costa County. The commute finally got to them; they decided to sell their house and move south.

It is always a good idea to be a buyer with a preapproved loan. It lends a certain amount of confidence and credibility when nego-

tiating with the seller.

In the South Bay, real estate professionals will not even show you property, what little inventory there is, until you have a preapproved loan.

Nearly every offer situation has multiple offers. It's almost like a home auction. Our clients' first offer was for a home listed for \$399,000. It had been on the market for only a couple of days. Our client offered \$450,000. There were 23 offers and the house sold for \$499,000.

After a couple of other attempts to purchase a home, our client's real estate agent located a house that our clients fell in love with. This time there were no multiple offers and no bidding up the price. All of the negotiations dealt with contingencies. The seller insisted there were to be none.

Contingencies were designed to protect the buyer, and usually

Our clients' first offer was for a home listed for \$399,000. It had been on the market for only a couple of days. Our client offered \$450,000. There were 23 offers and the house sold for \$499,000.

include the sale of a current residence, obtaining a new loan for the purchase, inspections and appraisal of the property.

Although our clients had sold their own home with a week of listing it, they could not ask that the new transaction be subject to the successful close that transaction. The was no finance contingency because they had a pre-approved loan. They allowed only three days for inspections and our clients were to buy the house as is.

Our biggest concern was would the property appraise for the purchase price. The sellers wanted to give us only three days to appraise the property. Our clients' agent insisted on the more reasonable 10 days. This is a very busy market and we can't use just any appraiser who can turn around an appraisal in 48 hours. We must use one of the lender approved appraisers.

After hours of negotiating this one point, the sellers and our buyers' agent compromised on six calendar days. Since it was Wednesday, midnight, the clock gave us only four working days. Our client was required to remove the appraisal contingency by Tuesday at 5 p.m., whether the ap-

praisal and value was determined or not or lose the house.

Fortunately, the property was not priced out of line and had not been bid up through multiple offers.

Our appraisers jumped through a variety of hoops by placing our clients ahead of others not as time sensitive (but as equally anxious to get their appraisals). Our buyers' buyers qualified for their loan and everything worked out all right after we all held our collective breaths throughout the transaction.

In an industry usually noted for its professionalism and dedication to the protection of the client, I believe they've gone a little nuts in the South Bay.

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Turn to Red Cross for real tax relief

It's tax season, and as people are filing their tax returns, they can consider some strategies to reduce their taxes for 1998. Often people wait until last few months of the year, and by then it is often too late.

Avoid capital gains tax If you are holding appreciated securities, but still reach for your checkbook when making charitable donations, you are missing out on an opportunity to avoid capital gains tax. If you sell the stock, you must pay capital gains tax. But if you give the securities to charity, there is no capital gains tax. And you can claim the current fair market value of the stock as a charitable deduction on your income tax return.

Increase retirement income If you need to invest for your retirement, you can be a philanthropist and actually increase your income through a gift annuity, an I.R.S. approved program.

The Red Cross Annuity, for example, offers guaranteed income for life at rates that top at 12 percent. Leonard Graff, an attorney and Red Cross Director of Gift Planning, said, "Participants receive substantial tax benefits: Part of the contribution to the annuity is tax

deductible, part of the annuity receive is tax-free, and if your annuity with appreciated securities, you will also receive capital gains tax."

Vacation home and property If this is the last year you will be using a vacation home, your investment property may be worth enough income to pay for the cost of the property and the income and offer significant savings.

Barbara Murphy, an attorney and the accounting firm, Lybrand, said, "Instead of the property and paying capital gains tax, individuals can put appreciated assets in a trust to avoid capital gains tax. The trust can increase your income and create a sizable charitable deduction."

Selling your home The greater tax exemption on sales (up to \$250,000 for individuals), California's new capital gains taxes because of the state prices in California have skyrocketed. If you are a retiree, retirement community, you need the proceeds to move home, you can place your

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Credit

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handling your debts responsibly.

This is a comprehensive manual in the true sense of the word. The reader is armed with all the necessary tools to combat any credit issues that rear their ugly heads. Among other subjects *The No Nonsense Credit Repair Manual* covers:

- credit bureau practices
- reestablishing your credit profile
- maintaining a good credit rating
- managing your debts (financial planning skills)
- car financing
- home loan basics

With a straightforward approach, Aghili addresses individual consumers and warns them of unethical practices on both sides of the fence. The reader is carefully escorted through information, and then shown how to use that information to obtain results.

There are no guarantees, but this book will assuredly lead to credit repair and a home or car loan. There is a question-and-answer section with the most frequently asked questions concerning the credit industry, for example, questions about:

- the significance of the annual percentage rate (APR)
- lost or stolen credit cards
- credit insurance plans
- preapproved card offers

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This manual is a necessary resource for any individual or company working with credit or home loan issues. It is the first of its kind to offer such extensive and easy-to-follow guidelines and suggestions.

The manual can be ordered through all local bookstores by calling L.L.S. publishing at (800) 497-3030 or by visiting www.nonsenserecredit.com on the Internet.

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proval to another lender at the consumer's request."

Although e-commerce and on-line transactions are supposed to become a \$300 billion market by 2002, the fact is they are not anywhere near that now. But mortgage loans are one area where interactive can pay off.

Most people still have questions about Internet security and are concerned about giving out their pri-

vate income tax information. Monument's sites and loanlist.com use SS technology. "The site is as secure as anybody's Internet site can be," Noack said, "and is arguably more secure than giving your card in a restaurant, for example."

Noack said there are many confusing issues about advertising on the Internet. "People who want to be incredible Internet players will have to be licensed in all 50 states. That's the road we're going down."

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LEILA GOUGH



If you started investing in stocks in 1995, you may have become spoiled. If you started several years before that, you know the reality of market fluctuations is setting in again.

But for all of you who still look to stocks as vehicles for long-term investment growth potential, take heart. While stocks may not always generate the returns seen over the past three calendar years, they still may be your best opportunity in helping you achieve your financial goals.

According to information from the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Standard & Poor's 500* (an index of widely-held stocks used to measure market performance) posted impressive gains of 37, 23 and 33 percent from 1995 through 1997, respectively.

These performances clearly soared above the market's historical annual gains of around 10 to 11 percent. There have been just three years in the past two decades when stocks posted a loss — a tribute to stocks' consistent long-term growth.

These are some of the reasons why investors continue to purchase stocks. In addition, stocks generate

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some of their appeal from ownership. Investors like knowing they own a part of a corporation. The stock market can also provide a infinite supply of diversification for investors.

Here are a few other factors to consider when choosing stocks:

• **Size:** The size, power and prestige of a corporation may serve as factors in your stock picking decisions. Some investors may prefer to buy stock in blue chip or large capitalization stocks, which include some of the oldest and largest corporations in the country.

Others may prefer to put their money into small cap stocks, smaller, lesser-known companies, which not only hold the potential of providing significant growth in a relatively short time period but also generally have bigger risk levels and price fluctuations.

• **Industry:** You may prefer to invest in industries with which you are most familiar. These can range anywhere from food companies to computer manufacturers. Others may like industries whose values typically increase during certain times of the business cycle (auto makers, for example). Still others enjoy the potential security of investing in defensive stocks — such as pharmaceutical companies — that generally continue to perform regardless of the economic environment.

ment.

• **Geography:** As with industry, you may find comfort in investing in stocks close to home. Others might like to allocate their money to stocks in different regions of the country to reduce the impact of possible economic troubles sustained by a given region.

• **Growth vs. Income:** Depending on your risk suitability, you may want to develop your portfolio based on stocks classified as growth stocks or income stocks. With growth stocks, investors believe the company's market share will grow bigger, and as the company grows, hopefully, so will the stock price.

Investors generally buy income stocks because they typically have a long track record of consistent dividend pay outs. Regardless of the types of stocks you prefer, always remember to carefully examine a company's fundamentals and long-term prospects before adding that stock to your portfolio.

After all, while the stock market as a whole may continue to climb, it doesn't mean every stock will join the fun.

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Foreclosures down

DataQuick, a real estate information service, reports that the number of foreclosures in California continued to go down last month.

Lenders throughout the state filed a total of 11,333 Notices of Default on houses and condominiums last month, down 5.5 percent from January and down 10.7 percent from February, 1997.

The record high was in March 1996 when 15,475 Notices of Default were filed.

A Notice of Default is the first step of the formal foreclosure process.

La Jolla-based DataQuick says that due to the growing economy and rising home values, the decline in foreclosures is expected to continue through the year.

Relief from El Niño

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued nearly \$3.6 million in grants to Bay Area residents who have applied for disaster assistance because of recent storm damage.

FEMA spokeswoman Elizabeth Quirk said that the agency has given out 3,340 grants to residents of counties in the Bay Area as well as to residents of Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. FEMA has received 11,866 applications from these counties.

She said the agency has given priority to applicants forced out of their homes by storm damage. Quirk said the grants are money for temporary housing or to make homes livable; some of the applications have been for small-business loans.

major home repair loans or help with insurance shortfalls.

The agency has received 47,464 applications from the 40 California counties that are federally declared disaster areas and has paid out more than \$15 million.

A total of \$736,487 has been paid to 2,271 applicants and 531 grant recipients in Alameda County. Contra Costa County residents have received a total of \$514,775 for 2,018 applications and 380 grants.

To find out the status of applications or to learn about disaster aid programs, call (800) 525-0321.

The deadline for filing for federal disaster assistance is May 8. The telephone number to register is (800) 462-9029.

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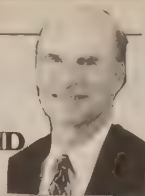
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FROM THE GROUND UP

PAUL WINANS



In touch with the right people

Regular readers of this column might know that this is the beginning of the fourth year of writing it. Over the past years I've written about many issues connected with building in general.

I recently reviewed these columns just to make sure that I don't repeat myself too much. I was struck by the fact that I usually assume that someone interested in hiring a general contractor (or even a plumber or architect) knows someone else who can make a referral.

Referrals are one of the best ways to find a good service provider. Our business depends tremendously on our past clients and others who think highly of us—referring us to people who need a contractor. Our company also finds the trade contractors and suppliers we need by asking others for referrals.

But what if you don't know anybody to ask for referrals? Suppose you are new to the area and just don't know anyone who has ever hired a contractor. Or what if you find someone who has hired a contractor, but had a bad experience and won't recommend anyone? All this person can do is recommend who not to call.

So what options are open to you? Well, there are always ads in the newspapers and the Yellow Pages. There are certainly lots of name there. But how do you distinguish the good companies from the bad? Isn't it risky to hire a company out of the phone book to come and work in your house for over four months? You've heard horror stories and don't want one of your own.

Isn't there some organization to which ethical and hard-working contractors belong? Couldn't this organization refer its members to provide the kind of service you need; members who work in your area?

Shouldn't you be able to contact a local organization with national connections; one that work hard to provide quality contractors wherever you live? Yes, you should.

I'm truly pleased to tell you that such an organization exists right here in the Bay Area: the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (SFBA NARI).

The premier organization representing remodeling contractors across the United States, NARI is better known in the East and the Midwest. In those parts of the country, hiring a NARI member is the norm because of the work the local chapters have done over the years.

The local chapter, SFBA NARI, has been in existence for nine years. It serves the East Bay, southern Marin, San Francisco and northern San Mateo counties. Members in-

clude general contractors, trade contractors, architects-designers, suppliers and others involved in providing services to home owners.

The chapter has a directory of members that lists the services they provide and the areas where they work. You can receive a free copy by calling (415) 242-4733.

All NARI members are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in all aspects of their business. Continuing education takes place at monthly meetings, 6 p.m.

series of tests.

A second program leads to the Certified Lead Carpenter (CLC) designation. Employees of NARI member businesses that run individual remodeling projects meet for several months to share the knowledge they are gaining from what they are doing.

I have had the pleasure of facilitating the first group of CLC candidates in the Bay Area. The series of tests they took was extremely difficult and the candidates truly earned

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on the second Wednesday of each month. The meetings are open to the public. Call the above number for reservations meeting fee information and directions to the meeting.

Remodeling contractor members have the opportunity to take part in a formal education program that leads to the achievement of the status of Certified Remodeler (CR).

This rigorous program involves reading and a series of regular meetings with other CR candidates. The candidates have the opportunity to share experiences and learn from one another.

The designation is awarded only after the candidates pass an all-day

their designations.

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Paul Winans, CR, is co-owner of Winans Construction, Inc., an Oakland-based general contracting firm founded in 1978. He can be reached at 653-7288.

Those white and yellow invaders

By Buzz Bertolero

Q: I'm getting a weed in my lawn that looks like clover. How can I get rid of it without killing my lawn? It is in small patches and I have been pulling them out, but it has begun to spread.

A: There are two types of clover that invade lawns, ones with white flowers and the others with yellow. White clover is easy to control with any of the many broadleaf herbicides or Weed and Feed turf products. I think you have the yellow clover also called Oxalis.

Oxalis is very aggressive and spreads by underground stem and seeds. You will need to reseed the bare spots in your lawn, so I would hold off the control methods until January.

To kill the dormant seed, I would apply Bandini Pre-Spot One in January. The actively growing Oxalis is the effectively killed in the spring with a Weed and Feed fertilizer containing Trimec.

In the summer and fall, these products do a poor job of controlling Oxalis as only the foliage is burned back.

Q: Is there a product avail-

able to sterilize soil? I have a lawn and a garden in which I grow orchids and grasses which I have to clean out. In the past I used Surflan, but haven't seen it anywhere for a number of years. Also, a couple of fountains around the house have been invaded by weeds and grasses growing out of the water. I have used Surflan but I am afraid of putting it in the water. I'd rather use the stuff from growing in the place.

A: There are no products available to home owners, and Surflan is available for agricultural use. I would suggest a combination of Round-Up and Surflan.

Surflan is a pre-emergent herbicide that will kill the seed before it germinates. Round-Up can be sprayed on the top of desirable plants out any damage.

I would protect the plants from the spray with a plant shield. Round-Up is absorbed and is not picked up by the roots.

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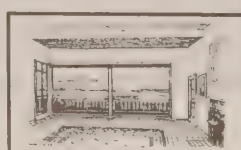
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 Laguna Vista - \$257,000
 Lincoln Ave. - \$195,000
 Park Ave. - \$255,000
 Stable Pointe Pl. - \$545,000
 Tahiti Ln. - \$580,000
 Versailles Ave. - \$223,000
 Webster #301 - \$120,000

ALBANY

Cornell Ave. - \$244,000
 Kains Ave. - \$170,000
 Portland Ave. - \$265,000

BERKELEY

Benvenue Ave. - \$369,000
 Blake St. - \$195,000
 Elion Ave. #4 - \$179,000
 Fairview St. - \$125,000
 Hearst Ave. - \$220,000
 Mathews St. - \$169,000
 Overlook Rd. - \$500,000
 Russell St. - \$118,500
 San Diego Rd. - \$730,000
 Santa Rosa - \$417,000
 Spruce St. - \$360,000
 Vermont Ave. - \$526,000
 Walnut St. - \$511,500
 Wildcat Canyon - \$310,000
 Woolsey St. - \$538,500

EL CERRITO

Ernest Ave. - \$152,000
 Jordan Ave. - \$265,000

EL SOBRANTE

Apian Knoll Ct. - \$150,000
 Bridgeway Cir. - \$340,000
 Donna Mae Ct. - \$135,000
 Lin Ct. - \$260,000
 Ridgedale Ct. - \$340,000
 Ridgedale Ct. - \$254,000
 Ridgedale Ct. - \$254,000
 St. Andrews - \$132,000
 Valerie Ct. - \$184,000

EMERYVILLE

Christie #2315 - \$164,000
 Commodore #307B - \$115,000
 Commodore #D437 - \$105,000

KENSINGTON

258 Yale Ave. - \$535,000

OAKLAND

2223 11th Ave. - \$158,000
 682 33rd St. - \$117,500
 689 34th St. - \$127,500
 1419 36th Ave. - \$154,000
 481 55th St. - \$155,000
 665 57th St. - \$127,500
 3158 63rd Ave. - \$139,000
 1640 90th Ave. - \$126,000
 2208 9th Ave. - \$124,000
 600 Aileen St. - \$89,000
 2520 Alida St. - \$192,000
 835 Alvarado Rd. - \$130,000
 928 Arlington Ave. - \$85,000
 2300 Arrowhead Dr. - \$314,000
 225 Athol Ave. - \$215,000
 6007 Auburn Ave. - \$310,000
 10500 Beverly Ave. - \$156,500
 3260 Bona St. - \$133,000
 5466 Boyd Ave. - \$416,000
 5343 B'way Terr. - \$86,000
 280 Caldecott #296 - \$161,000
 3634 California St. - \$144,500
 25 Captains Cove - \$380,000
 5915 Chaboly Terr. - \$263,500
 5940 Chabot Cir. - \$409,000
 9900 Cherry St. - \$105,000
 3625 Columbian Dr. - \$177,000
 2300 Coolidge Ave. - \$99,000
 7976 Crest Ave. - \$171,000
 4463 Davenport Ave. - \$278,500
 1378 East 36th St. - \$124,000
 491 Fairbanks Ave. - \$275,000
 801 Franklin St. - \$154,000
 111 Gravatt Dr. - \$750,000
 1207 Hampel St. - \$299,000
 5606 Harmon Ave. - \$90,500
 6405 Hillegass Ave. - \$309,000
 7921 Hillmont Dr. - \$147,000

5465 Hilltop Cir. - \$515,000
 2312 Humboldt Ave. - \$134,000
 8120 Idlewood St. - \$82,000
 3381 Kiwanis St. - \$204,500
 6156-58 Laird #58 - \$160,000
 2324 Lakeshore #3 - \$200,000
 295 Lenox Ave. #401 - \$175,000
 3660 Magee Ave. - \$230,000
 5201 Manila Ave. - \$205,500
 3707 Midvale Ave. - \$130,000
 5630 Moraga Ave. - \$202,000
 2503 Myrtle St. - \$80,000
 3938 Oakmore Rd. - \$320,000
 5407 Princeton St. - \$85,000
 6950 Saroni Dr. - \$302,000
 3882 Shafter Ave. - \$174,000
 4847 Shetland Ave. - \$226,000
 7725 Skyline Blvd. - \$333,000
 7011 Snake Rd. - \$492,000
 4006 Suter St. - \$119,000
 1625 Vista St. - \$215,000
 5333 Wentworth Ave. - \$125,000
 3975 Whittle Ave. - \$307,000
 1 Whittle Ct. - \$236,500
 6232 Wood Dr. - \$555,000
 59 Yorkshire Dr. - \$117,500

PIEDMONT

329 Howard Ave. - \$188,000
 2 Loxford Rd. - \$250,000
 321 Park Way - \$610,000
 455 Wildwood Ave. - \$126,000
 160 Woodland Way - \$907,500

RICHMOND

780 21st St. - \$117,500
 666 30th St. - \$127,500
 1541 6th St. - \$82,000
 2857 Andrade Ave. - \$133,500
 2514 Baywood Way - \$202,500
 400 Bissell Ave. - \$122,000
 1412 Chanslor Ave. - \$87,500
 526 Civic Center St. - \$118,500
 5873 Clinton Ave. - \$173,000
 5467 Deer Run Dr. - \$223,000
 546 Dimm St. - \$178,000
 1368 Fascination Cir. - \$245,000

2340 Garvin Ave. - \$110,000
 1145 Joel Ct. - \$126,000
 1511 Lincoln Ave. - \$120,000
 632 Sonoma St. - \$215,000
 1700 Tulare Ave. - \$165,000

SAN LEANDRO

1463 155th Ave. - \$147,000
 1095 Adason Dr. - \$146,000
 15375 Andover St. - \$158,000
 294 Arroyo Ave. - \$170,000
 2222 Atlantis Ct. - \$249,000
 2226 Atlantis Ct. - \$250,000
 1301 Belding St. - \$200,000
 2400 Belvedere - \$135,000
 1794 Benedict Dr. - \$195,500
 637 Broadmoor - \$139,000
 15576 Calgary St. - \$199,000
 227 Castro St. - \$170,000
 426 Dutton Ave. - \$115,000
 736 Glen Dr. - \$335,000
 14812 Martell Ave. - \$163,000
 576 Mitchell Ave. - \$150,000
 13555 Rose Dr. - \$185,000

SAN LORENZO

896 Serra Dr. - \$194,000
 2182 Somerset Ave. - \$165,000
 360 Warwick Ave. - \$240,000
 394 W. Broadmoor - \$143,500
 16056 Windsor Dr. - \$163,000
 1080 Bockman Rd. - \$160,500
 822 Mooney Ave. - \$151,000
 1218 Via Nube - \$192,500

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 11
 LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$580,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$282,363

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$170,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$265,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$226,333
 BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 15
 LOWEST PRICE: \$118,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$730,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$351,233

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 2
 LOWEST PRICE: \$152,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$265,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$208,500

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 9
 LOWEST PRICE: \$132,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$340,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$227,666

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$105,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$164,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$128,000

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1
 PRICE: \$535,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 64
 LOWEST PRICE: \$80,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,175,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$229,289

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 5
 LOWEST PRICE: \$188,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,268,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$644,700

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 17
 LOWEST PRICE: \$82,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$245,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$149,764

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 22
 LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$335,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$182,363

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$51,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$192,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$168,000

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9229 SKYLINE.....MONTCLAIR.....3BD/2BA.....\$339,000.....PAT WHITTINGSLOW
 6177 BROADWAY TERRACE.....ROCKRIDGE.....2D/1.5BA.....\$310,000.....ADRIANA GIACOMELLI

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OAKMORE CLASSIC!.....\$569,000
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MONTCLAIR.....\$559,000
 Enjoy the Golden Gate & canyon views from this roomy home. Formal dining, family room, master retreat. 3BD/2+BA. **Ruth Lockhart**
MONTCLAIR - 4 TO CHOOSE FROM.....\$550,000
 New construction homes to be completed by Milano Developments. 3BD + den or 4BD/3BA. Custom built kitchen, hdwd flrs. Elegant mst ste w/whirlpool tub. 2 car interior access garage. Wooded views, plans available in office. **Jack Brennenman**
MONTCLAIR - GREAT VALUE!.....\$479,000
 Spacious living room w/flagstone fireplace & partial Bay view. Beam ceilings, formal dining room, updated kit, den w/built-ins. 5BD/3.5BA plus complete au pair unit w/separate entrance. **Adriana Giacomelli**
UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$479,000
 Charming updated 3BD/2BA home with remodeled kitchen/family room opening to a beautiful garden setting. **Michael Thompson**
ENCHANTING MONTCLAIR HOME!.....\$425,000
 Loaded with old world charm, wonderful canyon vistas. 3BD/2BA, family room, formal dining, remodeled eat-in kitchen, yard. Move-in condition. **Dian Hymer**
DUPLEX - NEW LISTING.....\$379,000
 Brown Shingle 2-plex. Live in one 2BD/2BA and rent the other 2BD/1BA. Absolutely charming with updated kitchen and hardwood flrs. **George Karsant**
GLENVIEW CHARMER - NEW LIST!.....\$325,000
 Charming 3BD 90's gas kitchen, split level. Bonus family room leads to sunny deck & garden. Don't Miss! **Pat Whittingslow**
PANORAMIC VIEW!.....\$299,000
 Pristine, great view, decks and yard, new kitchen & 3 baths. Attached garage, great storage. Grand location. 3BD/3BA **Rachel Baller**
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 1003 CRAGMONT.....BERKELEY.....4BR/3.5BA.....\$499,000.....KIM MARIENTHAL
 11633 CARLETON.....BERKELEY.....2+BR/1BA.....\$169,900.....KIM CLEVELAND
 722 ASHBURY.....EL CERRITO.....3BR/1BA.....\$219,000.....SALLY HENDRICKSON
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VINTAGE CHARM IN ALBANY.....\$251,500
 JUST LISTED! Beautiful condition, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath with loads of extra space. Hardwood floors, fireplace. Backyard with decks. Great location, near Solano shops and restaurants. Albany schools.

SUNNY BERKELEY COTTAGE.....\$249,000
 JUST LISTED! Charming 2-story home near Cedar-Rose Park. Gleaming wood floors, fireplace, deck, clear pest report! Bright and cheery, ready to move into. Fenced yard, attached garage too!

OAKLAND/GLENVIEW CRAFTSMAN STYLE.....\$239,000
 JUST LISTED! Sun-filled Berkeley style 2+ bedroom home on double lot w/enormous Fig tree. Charming home with built-ins, hardwood floors and formal dining. Kids and gardeners will love this yard!

COSMETIC FIXER COTTAGE.....\$169,900
 JUST LISTED! Huge back yard, large kitchen, formal dining room w/built-ins, sunny living room w/lots of built-in window seats! 2+BR/1BA. Hardwood floors. Needs cosmetic work.

ALBANY CONDO WITH BAY VIEWS.....\$147,000
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NORTH BERKELEY CONDO.....\$142,000
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RARE BERKELEY HILLS LOT FOR SALE.....\$140,000
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Dean Witter will host **IRAs: Accounts for a Lifetime**, Thurs., Apr. 2, from 6 to 6:50 p.m. at the downtown Oakland office, One Kaiser Plaza, Suite 900. Kaiser Plaza is located between 21st and Harrison streets. Join Dean Witter Thurs., Apr. 16 for **Realizing Your Retirement Dreams**. Call 891-0594 for more information.

Anyone interested in knowing more about the interior design and restoration of historic homes is invited to attend Mark Wilson's seminar **Historic House Interiors**, 1 to 4:30 p.m. Fri., April 3 at the Berkeley Association of Realtors, 1553 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. The fee is \$15 per person, (\$18 at the door), and includes light refreshments. To pre-enroll, call Mark Wilson calling 9383.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat., Apr. 4, BEC presents **Interior Plastering: Hands On** with plasterer Art Guerrero. The two-day hands-on workshop **Deck Building** with Andrus Brandt will begin Sat., Apr. 4 and continue Sat. Apr. 11. On Sun., Apr. 5, the center hosts teacher/woodworker Dick Taylor's short course **Cabinet Refacing**. Don't miss

BEC's three free lectures on Sat., Apr. 11. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

The Golden Gate Cymbidium Society invites you to its **Annual Show and Sale: April Showers, Orchid Flowers** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. and Sun., Apr. 4 and 5 at the Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. The quality orchid vendors will be selling a wide variety of orchid plants and the society will stage a display of cymbidiums and paphiopedilums. Orchid plant raffles, cultural supplies and general information will all be available. Call 843-6537 for more information.

Tierra Nueva Cohousing invites you to experience a dream becoming a reality with its **Cohousing Slide Show and Lecture** 3 to 5 p.m., Sun, Apr. 5 at the First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. Learn the latest about Tierra Nueva's live-in site on the central California coast near San Luis Obispo. There are just four units left. Come and enjoy the show about this vital nurturing community.

Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a nonprofit community service organization located at 333 Heegenberger Rd., Suite. 618, in Oakland a series of free workshops. **Downsize Your Debt** will be held Mon. Apr. 6, **Money 101** is on tap Tues., Apr. 7 and **I Hate to Budget!** is scheduled for Wed., Apr. 8. Registration is mandatory. All workshops run from 6 to 8 p.m. Call (800) 101-SAVE, ext. 235, to re-

serve space or to receive information about other seminars.

Oakland's One-Stop Capital Shop (OSCS), 519 17th St. in Oakland, provides a series of free and low-cost small-business development workshops available to the public on an ongoing basis. The next free workshops are scheduled for Tues., Apr. 7 **IRS Small Business Tax Workshop** is on tap from 9 a.m. to noon and **Business Planning for Success** will be held from 5 to 7 p.m.. The **SCORE Prebusiness Workshop** with a cost of \$5 is on the schedule for Thurs., Apr. 9 from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. For more information about these and other OSCS workshops, call 273-6000

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Join University of California pathologist Dr. Robert Raabe from 9 a.m. to noon the first Sat. of every month for a free **Sick Plant Clinic** at the UC Botanical Gardens, 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. Drop in with a piece of a sick or a dying plant and Dr. Raabe will diagnose the problem. Call 643-2755 or garden @uclink4.berkeley.edu for

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The **Orchid Society of California** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Learn about orchids and their care. Purchase orchid plants at the members' plant sale before the meeting. Orchid lecturers share their knowledge and

provide plants for a raffish camaraderie and learn about the beautiful world of orchids. Call 531-1210 for more information.

The **Golden Gate Cymbidium Society** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wed. of each month at Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. The sale is featured before the meeting, affording you the opportunity to purchase quality cymbidiums and paphiopedilums. Grow and bloom these beautiful plants. Call 531-1210 for more information.

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\$125,000 3844 MAYBELLE. A large 2 BD, 1 1/2 BA condo in a quiet neighborhood above MacArthur. Located in a small complex with fireplace and covered parking. Russ Grant 814-4713

\$135,000 3809 WHITTLE. Cute 2 BD, 1 BA starter home in nice area! Great for first-time buyer. Attached garage. Richard Powell 814-4837

\$135,000 2633 HAROLD. REDUCED PRICE! Well-kept 2 BD, 1 BA home in the Dimond District. Formal dining, large bright kitchen, separate large lot with lemon trees & a detached 1-car garage. To be sold "as is." Tere Lee 521-3352

\$138,000 2824 ATWELL. Level bungalow with 2 BD, 1 BA, 2-car attached garage. Call Tom Young 814-4841

\$139,500 6470 MacARTHUR. Two townhouse-style units in good condition! Both units are 2 BD, 1 BA. Close to Mills College. Kathy Hirsch 814-4706

\$245,000 4949 CORONADO. A 2-unit fixer-upper in a great location! Both units are 2 BD, 1 BA. To be sold "as is." Donn Gutierrez 814-4854

\$299,900 3460 REVERE. OPEN SUN. 2-4 PRICED REDUCED! You can see forever! Full Bay Area view, 1-level custom home, 3 BD (master suite with office), kitchen/family room combo. Margaret Lomba 521-7193

San Leandro

\$160,000 14001 SEAGATE. Former model townhome with master suite, 2 BD, 2 BA with Corian kitchen, beautiful glass cabinets, butler's pantry, pool, spa, tennis courts, located near marina. Tere Lee 521-3352

\$165,000 14251 SEAGATE. Beautiful 2 BD, 1 1/2 BA condo with upgrades! Great location, hardwood floors & all appliances included. Tere Lee 521-3352

\$182,000 14165 SEAGATE. A 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA condo just off the 880. Fireplace and all appliances included. Community pool, spa and tennis court. Tere Lee 521-3352

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\$117,000 39 VILLA. 3 BD, 1 1/2 BA townhome in a quiet setting away from street! Private backyard and 2-car attached garage. Near schools and shopping. Elaine Millin 865-7747

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El Cerrito

\$120,000 LOT 68 DEVONSHIRE. Prime lot! Breath-taking view of the Bay & Bay! Prestigious area. Walk to Mira Vista Golf Course. Steve Cressy 814-4818

Danville

\$155,500 314 BOREL. This cozy 2 BD, 2 BA condo is a perfect starter home. In move-in condition! Dryer included. Call Donna Hanna 814-4814

Richmond

\$249,000 25 BREAKER. 2 1/2 BA, family room, 2-car garage, as official immaculate. Tere Lee 521-3352

Redwood City

\$419,000 515 REDWOOD. Investment opportunity! The building All units are 2 BD, 1 BA. Call for details. Linda Soules 521-3353

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\$159,000 2645 EASTLAKE. KELSEYVILLE. Buckingham Park, middle Clear Lake. Just a ranch-style 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA, 2 fireplaces, 2-car garage. Approx 1 acre of natural setting with filtered view of lake. Margaret Lomba 521-7193

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AKLAND ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30***

- 10800 BROADWAY TER**, Montclair, 4bd/3+ba New Medit w/SF views! Pacific Union, Kirk Phillips 339-6460
- 17070 BROADWAY TER**, Montclair, 4/3 new elegant contemp, 2 mstr suites. SF views! Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 6187 SWAINLAND**, 4+bd/2.5ba, lg front court, Formal DR & LR, Rumpus. North bay vws. Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000 X218
- 12181 SKYLINE BL**, By Owner, 3/2 1/2 w/lg family rm, frpl, 1+acre. Redwoods. Level yard. Bay view. Circle drive. Security fence. Alarm. Will co-operate 3 1/2%. 530-0820 **OPEN FRI/SAT/SUN 10-4**
- 1838 GRAND VIEW**, Claremont Hills, beautiful custom 3/2+ Nw list! Views. Gourmet kitchen. Pacific Union, Kathleen Calahan 339-6460
- 2 DIABLO DR**, Montclair, 5bd/4ba. Orinda Schools. Cosmetic fixer on 1/2 acre. Pacific Union, Michelle Vasey 339-6460
- 6875 RIDGEWOOD**, Montclair, fab new 3bd/2 1/2 ba, view! Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, N. Hinkley 644-5440
- 1 OAKWOOD CT**, New listing! Smashing 90's contemp. Mstr w/frpl & spa tub. Office. Views. Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 530-4148
- 6615 GLEN OAKS WY**, Montclair, 5/3+, level in, updated, SF views! Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460
- 6800 EXETER DR**, Montclair, 3bd/2 1/2 b, new listing! level in, GG vws from all rms! LaSalle Properties, Hal Castle 339-9778 **SUN 1:30-4:30**
- 3222 BUTTERS DR**, Montclair, 4bd/3+ba w/casual elegance. Bay vws, kit/fam rm combo, 3 frpl. Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460
- 2076 LEIMERT BL**, Oakmore, 3bd/3ba. Price reduced! pano bay/SF vw Fam rm, office, decks, yd. Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460
- 1972 OAK CREST DR**, Extremely charming traditional home with a great garden! The GRUBB Company, Ashley O'Neill 339-0400
- 6650 ESTATES DR**, Montclair, smashing 3/2+ w/top quality finishes. Coldwell Banker, Michael Thompson 339-1174
- 2092 LEIMERT**, Gorgeous country English 3/3. Study w/closet & bath. SF vws, patios, deck. Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadows 482-3576
- 2100 DRAKE**, Montclair, 3bd/3ba, 3356 sq ft, 9 yr old custom hm LaSalle Properties, Carol Cohen 531-4218
- 625 CARLSTON AVE**, Crocker, Art Deco fixer. 4bd/2.5ba, family rm & level garden. The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400
- 5295 HARBORD DR**, Rockridge, charming 3/2 w/hdws, lg LR, ETK, fam rm. Deck, garden, vw. GRUBB CO, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400
- 37 WINDWARD HILL**, Hiller Highlands, spacious twbns, bay vw, hdwd, lft, mstr w/frpl. The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400
- 7075 EXETER**, 5bd/3ba w/room to stretch! Decks, office, fruit trees. Wells & Bennett, Barbara Roessler 531-7000 X265
- 6745 MOORE DR**, Woodsy Serenity! Big tri-level 4/3.5 in Montclair Hills. Flexible flr plan. 2800 sf. Classy updates. A Must See! Better Homes RE 943-3322 Jolene Elliott 827-3912
- 455 MOUNTAIN BL**, Very spacious, all level, comfortable family rm off eat-in kitchen. GRUBB COMPANY, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400
- 8950 SAGE**, Private retreat in the Hills. 4/3, nwr kit, family rm, FDR, decks, pool, spa, play yd, ++. Coldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174
- 6025 HILLEGASS**, Rockridge, 3bd/2 1/2 ba. New listing! Impeccable craftsman remodel. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-8400
- 34 OVAL RD**, Montclair, 5 yr old trad. Room to expand. 3/2 on huge lot 2 frpls. The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400
- 1470 FERNWOOD DR**, Montclair, 2bd/2ba. New listing! level lot Prudential CA Realty, M. Erickson 547-2205
- 6427 HILLEGASS**, New listing! Rockridge. Stunning 3/2.5 craftsman style shingle. Gardens. Templeton Co, Trish McEaney 52-2133 X125
- 5815 BALMORAL DR**, Oakland Hills, custom 3/2 w/hdws, updt kit w/ eat-in area, plus FDR. The GRUBB Company, Nancy Lehnrich 339-0400
- 5229 HARBORD**, Upr Rockridge, 4+bd/2+ba in pvt setting. Hdws, lg yard. Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460
- 2929 BURDECK DR**, Joaquin Miller, 4bd/3ba newer contemporary Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Suzanne Yamamoto 644-5477
- 42 TRUITT LN**, Upr Rockridge, 3+2 in syvan setting. Sunny kit, office and auipar. The GRUBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400
- 5500 HARBORD**, Rockridge gem! 2+bd/2ba. Nw listing. Lg private yd. Quality. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000
- 9229 SKYLINE**, Newly listed. P.Pines contemp, stunning 3/2, skylites. Nr parks & nature. Coldwell Banker, Pat Whittingslow 339-1174
- 7328 SARONI**, Montclair, 3bd/2ba charming traditional. Hdwd flrs, mstr suite w/grt remod. bath. Coldwell Banker, Jay Williams 253-6528
- 4521 MONTGOMERY ST**, Huge 2bd/2ba shingle twbhn. Nr Rockridge & Pied Ave shops. Security. Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 482-2256
- 30 RISHELL DR**, Crestmont, 3/2.5, updt kit/baths. Bay views & level private yd. The GRUBB Company, Sherry Benninger 339-0400
- 7818 SURREY LN**, Great condition! 4/2 lovely contemp on quiet street. Large level yd. The GRUBB Company, Ed Loze 339-0400
- 2692 CAMINO LENADA**, Montclair, 3+bd/2ba Pied.Pines contemp w/ updt kit. Pvt setting. Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460
- 6317 BROADWAY TER**, Upr Rockridge. 2bd/1.5 b Spanish Med. Lg LR w/frpl, FDR, yd, patio. Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174
- 8 ALIDA CT**, Upper Dimond, cul-de-sac just below Head Royce! 40's 3bd/1.5ba, fam rm. Att'd gar, yd. Templeton Company, Bebe McRae 652-2133 X145 **SUNDAY 2-5**
- 3460 REVERE**, Sheffield Village, Price Reduced! Full bay area view, 1 m custom home. 3bd. Harbor Bay RE, Donn Gutierrez 814-4854 **SUN 2-4**
- 1201 HOLMAN RD**, Trestle Glen. Wonderful '20's Tudor. 3bd/1ba. Bonus rm, office, garden. The GRUBB CO, Mavis Delacroix 339-0400
- 4396 TERRABELLA**, Montebello Terrace retreat, 3bd/2 1/2 ba Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Yehuda Ben-David 869-4205
- 3803 RANDOLPH AVE**, Glenview, 4+bd/2ba Brown Shingle charmer. In-law & extras. LaSalle Properties, Lyn Murray 339-8900 X227
- 4054 OAKMORE RD**, 3bd/1.5 ba charmer! FDR, brkfst rm, 2-car gar Coldwell Banker, Vicky Faulk 339-1174
- 3200 BRUNELL DR**, New listing! Rustic 2+bd/2+ba Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Laura Kroeger 898-9418
- 4346 LA CRESTA AVE**, Glenview, 3bd/1 1/2 ba, hdwds, FDR, new kit, garage & yard. LaSalle Properties, Carin Caroe 339-8900
- 77 CLAREWOOD LN**, Rockridge, spacious & light 2+2 1/2 twnhouse Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Vince Moran 869-4236
- 75 WALAVISTA**, New listing! Crocker bungalow, 2/1. Plus rm w/sep entry. FDR, frpl, level yd. Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng/Karen Lum 339-1174
- 4081 WATERHOUSE RD**, Oakmore, 1 level living. 3/2 w/hdws. Patio & garden. The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400
- 4421 BENNETT PL**, Redwood Hts, 3/1+. Nw listing! Charming Spanish Med, bonus rm, level yd. Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460

- \$259,000 4335 BRIAR CLIFF**, Sequoyah 2/1.5 contemp, serene & woodsy, hdwds, frpl, city view. Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinow 339-1174
- \$249,000 3953 LINWOOD AV**, Glenview, fab updt craftsman style, spacious LR & DR. Plus rm off garage. Coldwell Banker, Jack Breneman 339-1174
- \$245,000 4263 35TH AVE @ Jordan**, Redwood Hts. Spacious & comfortable 3/2. Lg private garden. Move in condition! Owner 482-2845 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$244,000 3641 DIMOND**, Craftsman gem! Spacious 3/2, 1/4 ac, wraparound porch. 2-story Brown Shingle. Prudential CA, Graham Carter 845-0200
- \$239,000 1075 BROOKWOOD RD**, Crocker, charming 3/1 English Tudor. Grt opportunity fixer. The GRUBB Company, Stacy Ewing 339-0400
- \$239,000 1075 BROOKWOOD RD**, Crocker Highlands, Charming 3/2 Tudor. Grt opportunity fixer! The GRUBB Company, Stacy Ewing 339-0400
- \$229,000 4029 ASPEN PL**, Just listed! Sunny 2/1 in Laurel district. On Cul-de-sac. Hdwds, FDR, pvt yd. Coldwell Banker, Darcy Diamantine 339-1174
- \$224,000 4102 MAYBELLE AVE**, Upr Laurel, 3bd/2ba view home on private drive. Large rooms. LaSalle Properties, Tom Nemeth 652-6537
- \$210,000 3930 HANLY**, Oakmore, 2bd/1ba, sunny, hdwd floors, frpl, garage. Price Reduced! LaSalle Properties, Fiona MacIntyre 284-8469
- \$209,000 227 MARLOW DR**, Sheffield Village, 2bd/1+ba, sunny kit, big backyard Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, John Nielson 869-4215
- \$208,000 2915 HARRISON ST**, 3bd/1ba, just listed! Craftsman w/hdws, 2 frpl, charming garden. Thornwall Properties, Kathryn Hill 848-1950 X242
- \$185,900 3101 RAWSON**, Maxwell Park, 4bd/2ba, large yd, clean & ready to move into! LaSalle Properties, Sue Williams 482-5077
- \$179,000 5335 BROADWAY TER #101**, Upr Rockridge, location/location!! 2/2 Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- \$179,000 3900 ENOS AVE**, Laurel, 2bd/1ba. Split level, hdwds, frpl, level yd, gar. Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460
- \$169,000 4351 STEELE**, New Listing! Adorable 2/1, custom, hdwds, hill view. Att'd gar w/direct access. Wells & Bennett, Patsy Buhler 531-7000
- \$164,500 2742 PLEASANT ST**, New listing! 3/1.5 w/family rm, remod kit, hdwds. Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 436-4100
- \$159,000 7555 HILLMONT**, 3bd/1ba quiet retreat w/pano view. Cross St 73rd Ave. Gadsby & Assoc., James 748-5300
- \$159,000 4900 PARK BL**, 2bd/1ba. New listing! level-in condo, att'd garage Pacific Union, Jeffrey Himmel 339-6460
- \$155,000 288 WHITMORE #304**, Rockridge, great 3bd/2ba condo Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202
- \$148,000 3015 MYRTLE ST #4**, nr Emeryville, Artist's dreamspace! Bright/much potential. Loft, skylites, pkg. Prudential CA RE, Vanessa Smith 287-2569
- \$139,500 3015 MYRTLE ST #3**, nr Emeryville, live/work, loft bdrm, skylite. Has it all! Prudential CA RE 845-0200, Vanessa 287-2569 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$139,000 2435 E. 24TH ST**, 1st open! 3bd/2ba w/basement plus large 2-story warehouse. Ideal for contractors. Art Realty 465-4805
- \$129,900 5212 CAMDEN ST**, Maxwell Park 3bd w/view. Nds TLC. Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Emily Lane 869-4232
- \$120,000 2600 63RD AVE**, Bright & clean 3bd/1ba, move in condition! Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Emily Lane 869-4232
- \$69,900 325 LENOX AVE #207**, 1bd/1ba. Price Reduced! walk to Lake Merritt and park. Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000

ALBANY ***OPEN SUNDAY***

- \$325,000 643 MADISON ST**, Fab 18yr old 3/2 contemp. Wall of steel & glass. High ceilings, skylites. Gorgeous! Red Oak RE, Kathryn Nitsan 527-3387 X125 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$219,950 1067 EVELYN AVE**, 2bd/1ba plus extra room & space. Much potential. Conv. loc. nr schools & stores. Kuwada RE 527-4663 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$198,500 931 EVELYN**, Cutish, smallish, centrally located. 2/1. Come see! LaSalle Properties, Sheri Madden 524-3840 **SUNDAY 2-4:30**

BERKELEY ***OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30***

- \$895,000 29 DOMINGO AVE**, Claremont 5+/-/4+ lg elegant Georgian Revival w/ auipar/office. Prudential CA 845-0211, Miriam Wilson 898-9411
- \$785,000 3153 LEWISTON**, Claremont, Decorator perfect Brown Shingle. 4/3 and separate studio unit. The GRUBB CO, Karen Starr 339-0400
- \$750,000 8 CHANCELLOR PL**, Claremont Hills 4+2 1/2, new, knock-out vws! Add'l 700sq ft potential space. Prudential CA RE 845-0211
- \$725,000 19 HILLCREST RD**, 1905 one-of-a-kind 4bd/3 1/2 ba, bay views! Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Claire Cunningham 644-5434
- \$699,000 139 PARKSIDE**, Claremont, 5bd/2 1/2 ba traditional beauty! Lg garden, deck, sunporch. Prudential CA 428-0900, Judith or Sheila 644-5495
- \$649,000 260 STONEWALL RD**, Walk to The Claremont. 3+bd/4ba Spanish. Dramatic price reduction! LaSalle Properties, Harry Kress 531-2140
- \$599,000 641 CRESTON RD**, No.Berkeley 3/2 1/2, superb crftsmnship! Exquisite finishes. Views. Prudential CA RE, Gayle Tantau 898-9409 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$585,000 22 WHITTAKER**, 3+bd/2.5ba, luxury, views, gourm.kit, 3 frpl, family rm Prudential CA Realty, Ana & Pascal 845-0200
- \$575,000 2776 SHASTA RD**, 3bd/2+ba contemp w/custom details. Pano bayvw Pacific Union, Tom Anthony 339-6460
- \$519,000 2432 OREGON ST**, 4+bd/3ba spacious Elmwood Brown Shingle. Custom kitchen. Fam rm. Berkeley Hills RE, Peter Damm 524-9888 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$499,000 1003 CRAGMONT**, 4bdrms, 3.5 baths Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495 **SUNDAY 2-4**
- \$480,000 65 STEVENSON**, Berkeley Hills Classic 3bd/2 1/2 ba w/bay vw, formal garden, separate office. Templeton Co, Tricia Swift 652-2133 X140
- \$449,000 770 VINCENTE AV**, Thousand Oaks, 20's trad'l, secluded level garden. 4/2, country kit, hdwds flrs. The GRUBB CO, Nancy Rothman 339-0400
- \$415,000 8 HAZEL RD**, Claremont, Maybeck Music Studio. 2bd/1ba Prudential CA Realty 845-0211, Lisa Huston 898-9403
- \$399,000 18 TUNNEL**, Claremont, 3+2 sparkling Colonial w/gorgeous garden! Auipar unit. Prudential CA RE 845-6021, Fatima Ali 849-5315
- \$359,000 1400 QUEENS RD**, Berkeley Hills, 3bd/1 1/2 ba bay view cottage Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Emily Lane 869-4232
- \$285,000 "O" MILLER**, North Berkeley, fabulous lot with Occidental view Prudential CA Candace Economides 528-9284/Warwick May 330-7319 **DAILY 12-12**
- \$285,000 2003 ESSEX ST**, Berkeley Bowl district, 6+/-/2 craftsman duplex, 3/1 ea pvt yd. \$33K income. Prudential CA 845-0200, Ana & Pascal 645-5054
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Harper

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Harper has advocated higher gas prices to pay for universal car insurance and discourage excessive driving.

He has loudly opposed the Warm Springs BART extension in southern Alameda County, and the urban sprawl that would come with it. Part of the allure of a seat in Congress, he said, is the power to influence local decisions on transportation planning.

"I could say, 'I may not have the influence [in Congress] to get you the money for a BART extension, but I have the power to stop it,'" Harper said.

The timing of the special primary election is what drew Harper to the congressional race, he said. When Dellums stepped down in the middle of his two-year term, Governor Pete Wilson had only a short period of time to call an election for his replacement.

"I knew it would be a sprint race, so I wouldn't have to put my life on

hold," said Harper, an attorney who works on environmental issues. "I also knew the turnout would be abysmally low, so I could mail to just about every frequent voter for about \$30,000."

He added that the brief candidacy of Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris, who soon dropped out of the race, gave him hope that voters would be torn between Harris and Lee, helping other candidates.

"I thought, I just might sneak away with this," Harper said. "Now, it's an uphill fight."

Harper said he can also distinguish himself from other Democrats by his opposition to a strong federal government — a position usually found among Republicans. Federal intervention in state and local politics only gives Republicans an opportunity to grandstand and play the victim, Harper said.

"With the federal government acting in a Big Brother way, Republicans can act up all they like; if we [Democrats] weren't looking to

the feds to bail us out, we would stand up to them more," he said.

He also faulted Lee for failing to distinguish herself in the state Legislature.

"I think people will look at Lee and think, 'Maxine Waters times two,'" Harper said. "I don't think I would be as easy to pigeonhole."

Lee's success in getting dozens of bills approved by the governor, Harper said, only proves that Democrats aren't doing enough to challenge the status quo.

"I'd be able to say, 'Wilson vetoed 47 of my bills, because they were too big,'" Harper said.

Any candidate who wins a majority of the vote on April 7 will finish Dellums' unexpired term, which ends in December. If no one gets a majority, the top Democrat will face off against Sanders on June 2.

Candidates for the next two-year Congress sea will compete in the June 2 primary, with the election in November.

Lee

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want to choose another candidate.

She acknowledges that she has pursued some of the same goals here in California.

"Prison spending is like California's defense spending; it's part of the state's military-industrial complex," Lee said. "The prison budget is escalating, and that money could go to schools."

Her record as legislator includes dozens of bills signed into law, many in response to local concerns such as rebuilding after the 1991 hills fire, conversion of the Alameda Naval Air Station, dredging for the Oakland port, and programs recognizing the rights and needs of African Americans.

Though Harper has faulted her for abandoning an important opportunity to work on progressive issues with a Democratic state Legislature, Lee said she is undaunted by the prospect of working with a

largely Republican Congress.

"I already work with a very conservative governor," said Lee, noting that California Governor Pete Wilson has signed many of her bills into law. She added that compromise — which enabled passage of her proposal to expand Medi-Cal coverage for children — will be the key to success in Congress.

And even in the California Legislature, Lee said, being a Democrat is no guarantee of success. She was disappointed by the failure of her efforts to alter the "Three Strikes, You're Out" law, which currently sends three-time felony offenders to prison for 25 years to life. Lee had tried to require that the third qualifying felony must be a violent or very serious crime.

"Even the Democrats in the Senate wouldn't support it," recalled Lee, who is currently working on a new version of the bill.

During an interview this week,

she also took time to Dellums, who has been spending too much on national issues and local ones.

"That dichotomy is for me," Lee said. "I like everyone else in here, as I always have."

Lee vowed to competing for local issues, including new jobs in transportation and other areas. She also said she should look beyond international trade, she said.

Lee's campaign manager, Halterman, a longtime aide, said the senator would spend about \$200,000 on the election campaign. Even the primary election, he said, would depend on fares next week.

Sanders

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"I've always liked the people in Oakland," said Sanders, whose most recent Bay Area political involvement was serving on the San Francisco Republican County Central Committee from 1985 to 1988. "I don't feel the people in San Francisco deserve the work I'd have to do for them."

"People here [in the East Bay] are more down-to-earth, sensible, family-oriented," added Sanders, who is unmarried.

Sanders said that Dellums, who vacated the Ninth District congressional seat in February, spent too much time on national policy and not enough addressing the needs of local residents.

"Dellums said he was most proud of his work against apartheid, stopping the B-2 bomber program and against nuclear arms. He didn't talk about bringing jobs here, nothing about Berkeley and Oakland."

Some of Sanders' plans for bringing in more jobs would undo what Dellums worked hardest for during

his 30 years in office — reducing defense spending.

"Defense spending should be increased a bit," Sanders said. "One thing that created the economic growth of Oakland was defense spending. They took it away, and you see what happened."

Defense contractors, he said, need to recover their prominent role in the East Bay economy.

He proposed new investment in Oakland's air and sea ports as a center for trade with Asia. Environmentalists have voiced concerns over the effects of further port dredging, deemed necessary for trade with today's bigger cargo ships. But Sanders said jobs are more important.

"If you're going to worry about the environmental impacts, you're going to have problems," Sanders said. "What do you want, jobs or environmental protection? That's a choice we have to make."

Any jobs created through federal funding, he added, should be "reserved for native-born Ameri-

cans," with citizenship denied to native-born children of illegal immigrants.

If immigrants face disadvantages, Sanders said, it's because the California school system has failed immigrants by not teaching them English. He proposed new investment in teacher training, but also insisted that school programs should remain the responsibility of the states, not the federal government.

Despite his adherence to traditional Republican positions, Sanders said he is an "independent" Republican who thinks for himself. While state voters have already voiced their opinions on affirmative action, Sanders said he would listen to his constituents if the federal government reconsiders its affirmative action policies.

"I don't care what the Republican Party thinks. I'll vote for what the district wants," Sanders said. "I think the district residents are mixed on it — minorities want it [affirmative action] and some others don't. I might opt to stay out of it."

Stewart

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asked to step down in December, for not completing the requirement to attend a citizen's police academy. Stewart has said that the academy program conflicted with other commitments he had made prior to learning about the academy schedule.

Stewart said he recently chose to pursue the congressional seat after considering a run for the Oakland school board seat of Toni Cook, who is stepping down after eight years on the board.

"I can do more at a congressional level than I can do at a local level," Stewart said. "It's [part] of my campaign platform, education and jobs, and in terms of the resources. I think I could be more useful there [in Congress]."

He dismissed the idea that politicians should serve locally or regionally before attempting a run for national office.

"That's the old school," Stewart said. "Every elected office is as important as any other elected office. I don't put the school board below serving in Congress; it's just saying, 'I want to serve.'"

"I think any new job is a challenge. Does it worry me? Not at all."

A chief goal if elected, Stewart said, is to write legislation that would help perpetuate California's economic boom — a task Dellums didn't accomplish, he stated.

When asked for specifics, Stewart responded, "Legislation dealing with technology, and health care reform — when people are

healthy, they'll be more and more employable. We act [laws] to make it affordable, as opposed to right only of the people employed."

Stewart also faulted Dellums for spending too much time in Congress and for getting too much involved with local constituents.

"It's been a void, a gap," Stewart said. "Toni Pelosi — she's always been there."

While admitting that he would build on the superior name recognition he mustered during his 1996 run for Dellums' seat, he said he would build on the field. Obviously she's in the office, but what does it mean?"

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Local prep runners at Oakland Invitational at Cal



St. Mary's Jerriod Mack hop, skip and jump in triple jump at Oakland Invitational track meet at Cal Saturday.

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St. Mary's girls are stronger than '97

By Jeff Sepulveda



Jeff Landquist

Rosie Aikens

analist last year in the high jump. Unfortunately for SM foes, Harris also competes in the triple jump and runs a mean 400 meters and leg on the SM 1,600 meter relay.

Also returning for the Panthers is Rosie Aikens who also competed

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Will Panthers dominate at Edwards?

By Jeff Sepulveda

If this past week is any indication, the St. Mary's High boys track team will be a force again this season. Not just in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League, but throughout California.

With dominant performers in the majority of events, the questions the Panthers face now are not who will win the ACCAL, but who will win a CIF state championship.

But the big test for SM will come this Saturday at the Oakland Athletic League Invitational at Cal, which will feature the strongest teams in Northern California as well as some select Southern California squads. Meet time is scheduled for 9 a.m.

SM topped yet another trounce

ing of ACCAL foes Kennedy and El Cerrito on its home track in the opening league meet by starring at the Stanford Invitational last Saturday.

While the pasting of ACCAL foes is expected, the dominant performances against the top competition in the Northern California region in Palo Alto was a better indicator of the level of talent that the Panthers can boast this year.

While SM had a number of fine performances at Stanford, the clear standout was senior Jerriod Mack who capped a personal best and meet record breaking 22-foot, 1-inch long jump performance with a personal best 49-8 1/2 mark in the triple jump.

Mack's triple jump was the best this year in California and second in

the nation according to SM coach Jay Lawson.

The SM team of Jafar Williams, Kwamin Taylor, Khalid Taylor and Chandler White also distinguished itself at Stanford by winning the 1,600 meter relay.

Williams also led the Panthers 400 meter relay which ran a team best time of 42.43 seconds which placed second to mighty Long Beach Poly which ran a scorching 41.03. Devin Poche-West, Rich Nero, and Paki Gordon also ran strong legs on the 400 relay team.

In individual track events, Kwamin Taylor finished third in the 400-meters, running 50.02 seconds, while twin brother Khalid finished fourth at 50.09. Williams placed fifth in the 100-meters, running a personal best 10.87.

After the Stanford meet, Lawson was understandably proud of his team's efforts. "It felt real good to do so well. We had a lot of guys set personal bests and we're close to setting a lot of school records."

Of Mack's record-breaking performance, Lawson believes that there's more success to come. "He's not peaking yet. This just showed that he's finally starting to put his technique together like he did last year."

In last Thursday's ACCAL meet, SM dominated EC and Kennedy, racking up 137 points compared to 31 and 40 for the challengers. Individual first place finishes were claimed by Nero in

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El Cerrito's Lady Gauchos have the speed, not the hops

By Jeff Sepulveda

Call them the Flying Gauchos. This year's El Cerrito girls track team will feature plenty of speed, and has the potential to dominate the sprint events in this year's Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League race.

But in the distance races and field events, a severe

lack of experience and depth will doom EC to also-ran status in the overall standings.

The clear strength of EC's team this season is the sprint events. Katrina Keith stars in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter relay, while Quemesha Mason also is a factor in those events as well as the long jump. Rashida Coleman and Brandy Gates round out the deep unit and

also run strong legs on the Gauchos stellar 400-meter relay team.

Another potential team strength is the middle distance events. Senior Lachae Bailey is the Gauchos top threat in the 800. She also runs the 400 as well as the 1,600 relay. Junior Sholanda Reynolds leads the 400 and 1,600-meter relay unit.

The Gauchos fountain of talent dries up quite a bit after that. Long

jumper Mason is the Gauchos lone threat in the field events. EC is weak in the discus and shot put, while the Gauchos currently lack even the rawest competitors in the triple and high jump.

A coaching shakeup just prior to ACCAL competition did little to help EC's chances for success this season. Coach Teressa Di Perna resigned three weeks ago to accept

a position as a track coach at Syracuse University. The new Gauchos coach is former assistant Gail Pavlich, who also was an assistant coach for the EC girls basketball team this past season.

An admitted novice in the track arena, particularly compared to Di Perna who had coached at Sonoma State prior to guiding the Gauchos, Pavlich hopes to do her best to help

EC improve.

"This was a last-minute thing with Teressa going to Syracuse," she said. "I am not as experienced as she was, we were lucky to have her. But I do feel that I am knowledgeable enough to teach the kids some things, particularly in the technical events."

The Gauchos strengths and

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Will Lady Jackets put it together 2nd time aroundough East Bay League?

By Jelani Harper

Berkeley's softball team is like a new puzzle still in the box — the Lady Yellowjackets have all the pieces to become a good team, now they just have to put them together.

The Jackets have a bona fide pitcher in Lillian Bermeo, infield leadership in junior baseman Ana Wilson, and hitting power in sophomore Webster. So why are the Jackets (4-3 East Bay Athletic League) looking for their first league win?

comprised primarily of sophomores and juniors) seem to have a penchant for making errors, explains the goose egg in the front of their EBAL record. But the team is still at .500 overall, and is looking to make a fresh start when they take on California High on the road Thursday.

"California started out very strong, but they had their first loss against Livermore the other day," said McGill. "They're supposed to have pretty good pitching over there, and we can't wait to see how we'll do against them."

It's no surprise California fell to EBAL leader Livermore. The Jackets did the same last Tuesday by a score of 5-1. However, the game was a lot more competitive than the score indicates, because going into the last three innings starting pitcher Bermeo had a shutout going.

"They scored one in the bottom of the fifth inning and four in the bottom of the sixth," explained McGill. "We had opportunities of runners in scoring position but we just couldn't push them across, and defensively we were starting to come around a little." How-

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File '97 Jeff Landquist

Michael Crickmore, center right, brought Berkeley within 2 of Palo Alto Tuesday.

Palo Alto swifter than Jackets

By Jelani Harper

Last Tuesday's lacrosse game between Berkeley and Palo Alto was a little like the race between the rabbit and the hare. This time, however, it was the Yellowjackets who shot off to a fast start, only to watch the Tomahawks overtake them slowly but surely, 13-11.

"Palo Alto is one of those teams that can run forever, and do it all game long," explained Jackets coach Chris Sparhawk, "and toward the end we just ran out of gas. Mentally we let down, and let them back in the game. They took over the tempo and just ran away with it."

It almost looked like two games in one, that of the first and that of the second half. The Jackets jumped

out to a 5-1 first quarter lead, then went up, 9-4, at the half paced by goals from senior attacker Noah Schwartz and junior midfielder Ben Schooler, both of whom finished with two goals apiece.

Still, the Jackets weren't playing at full strength. Starting goalkeeper Santiago Lerma missed the game due to a splintered

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Weather doesn't slow Berkeley's swimmers

After two months of practicing in the cozy confines of the Berkeley High indoor swimming pool, and after hosting four home meets in the past month, the Yellowjackets swim team traveled to their first away meet of the year at the De La Salle Invitational.

Enduring cold air temperatures, rain, and lightning, the Jackets performed beyond the high expectations of coach Keith Brooks. Almost every swimmer improved his or her times despite the miserable weather conditions.

Captains Julie Easterday and Julie Williams led the varsity girls by posting best times in several events. Easterday in the backstroke and the butterfly leg of the medley relay, and Williams with a stunning performance in the breast.

Freshman Joel Fatherree did his part for the varsity with a personal best in the breast, and in his backstroke leg of the medley relay.

The outstanding swimmer for the junior varsity girls was Lauren

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Swimmers

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Hubner, who improved her times in four events, including an eight-second improvement in her 200-freestyle race.

JV girls who improved in three events included Miriam Barrere, with five-second drops in both her 100-freestyle and breaststroke times, Miranda Dietz dropped four-seconds in her 100-freestyle, and another five-seconds in her breaststroke time. Caitlin Everett improved her 100-freestyle time by 10-seconds, and her breaststroke time by more than four-seconds.

Anne Dresbach, Maria Herrera, and Megan Parkinson also each improved times in three events, demonstrating the strength of the team.

Brooks also praised the work of three of the JV boys, indicating that the future is looking bright for Jackets swimming.

Ryan Jones accomplished personal best times in four events, including a seven-second improvement in his breast.

Obataiye Okintunde dropped six-seconds from his time and produced an eight-second drop for the 100-free on his way to improved times in four events.

Joseph Ravera dropped more than eight seconds in his 100 free race, as he, too, improved his times in four events.

Senior Will Carter improved his times in four events, as did junior Nick Stohlman, who improved his previous time for three seconds.

The team will begin league competition on Friday, with a home meet against Monte Vista, at Willard Pool.

Edwards

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the 110 high hurdles, and 300 intermediate hurdles, Justin Hite in the 1,600 meters, Williams in the 400 meters, Mike Arp in the 800, Poche-West in the 200, Mack in the high, triple, and long jumps, and James Powell in the discus.

The Panthers also won the 400 meter relay, while not competing in the 1,600 relay due to darkness and the overwhelming lead they had at that point. SM swept the top three spots in the 110 meter hurdles, the 1,600, the 300 meter hurdles and the 800.

Next up, the Panthers host Piedmont and St. Joseph Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

Hops

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shortcomings were on display at last Thursday's ACCAL opening meet at St. Mary's High. Keith blazed through the 100- and 200-meters and also led the EC 400-meter relay which scorched the track for a time of 49.5 seconds and beat a strong St. Mary's entry.

Mason finished third in the 100, while Coleman took third in the 200.

Bailey also starred, winning the 800, while freshman Allison Post



Chris Lim, along with Danny Liem, will form El Cerrito's top doubles team this season.

Seraphin turns out not to be a proph

By Jeff Sepulveda

Prior to last week's league opener against De Anza, El Cerrito boys tennis coach Norm Seraphin had a vision of how the standings were going to be rearranged this season in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League.

He had high hopes that this would be the year EC would finally defeat Alameda and fight for a championship.

Seraphin may have been right about a rearrangement of the ACCAL standings, but he may have been wrong about the order in which the Gauchos would travel.

EC's title hopes were dealt a serious blow with a stunning, 6-1 loss to De Anza — a team the Gauchos had not lost to in Seraphin's seven seasons at EC.

With the Gauchos top two singles players returning from last season's ACCAL third place squad, EC fans had plenty to be excited about. Seniors Austin Day and Patrick Hamati combined for a 20-8 record last season and teamed in doubles to reach the ACCAL semifinals.

After the top singles spots, however, the remainder of the squad is far from set. Senior Paul De Lumen was slated for third singles, but was hobbled by an ankle injury suffered when stepping on a tennis ball while warming up for the De Anza match.

Fourth singles was to be an open competition between senior Abraham Coffman and junior Winston Cheng, with Cheng holding the inside track as Coffman also excels as a doubles player. With the injury to De Lumen, however, both claimed singles spots against De Anza

and in last Thursday's victory at Salesian.

If the singles players were murky prior to the doubles, even greater questions were raised by the return of Juniors Chris Lim and Danny Liem. Both have experience and are expected to form the Gauchos' top doubles team. Either Cheng or Coffman be counted on to lead the other doubles tandem going to senior reunions. Banks, sophomore Vannachit, and Carnell Walker.

Against De Anza, EC's 3 at first singles dropped eight games to lose the first set in a 3-2 loss.

Hamati also lost to Coffman who won for De Lumen at 6-4.

The lone win came against the lone Gaucha at Salesian. Day, Cheng and Liem won the Gauchos' first doubles match.

After the match, Seraphin was dismayed. "The matches were really bad day at the end of which is not good," he said. "We defeated them this year. They played hard and were well-coached."

The Gauchos' back last Thursday, at Salesian. Day, Cheng and Liem won matches for the Gauchos.

Next up for EC is a matchup with St. Joseph scheduled for Thursday 3:30 p.m.

Swifter

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clavicle, and was replaced by junior Nick Bradley, who normally plays attacker and scored 60 goals for last year's junior varsity.

In the second half, Lerma's presence was sorely missed. The Tomahawks came back, scoring eight unanswered goals before the Jackets could even react. Whereas in the first half, play was equally divided between the Jacket's and the Tomahawk's side of the field, in the second stanza the Tomahawk's basically camped out in front of the Jacket's goal.

"They've got a couple of really good players who can take over a game and dominate," said Sparhawk about the game's sudden shift in momentum.

Jackets

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ever, the Jackets lost a few runs on defense during their following game against San Ramon last Thursday, in which they fell by the same score.

"We were playing a little tentatively and we gave up a series of errors in the infield," said McGill. "Plus our batting wasn't really there."

"So, it's frustrating to see a team that really good can't contain their feelings."

But the Jackets had a goal as any to win in the final game from Scott Holmes-Schumacher finished with four for the game and Michael Crockett them within two of the next five minutes to play.

Unfortunately, Schumacher and Robbie Hellenen saw their shots turned away, and both settle for the loss.

The Jackets will have to ponder their loss. Because break the team won't play another two weeks. They'll return on April 14 when the Southern Marin at home.

At this point in the season, seem to be plagued by nothing common case of inconsistency can be expected in a young Thursday's game they'll play Valley on Friday in a must Tuesday's rained out, so point the Jacket's will have to against all the teams in the hopefully will know what the second time around.

compete in the Oakland Athletic League Invitational this Saturday at Cal which will feature the finest track talent from throughout the Bay Area as well as select teams from Southern California.

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California football 1998 reads like a novel approach

by Scott Strain

Call it "Great Expectations," the Dickens book, the Cal football team.

"We expect to win. We expect to go to a bowl game. We expect to be in the race for the title heading down the stretch run," coach Tom Holmoe says on us, so be it. It's time to step up and be counted and I think our team has accepted that challenge."

In other words, no more low expectations.

The Golden Bears started spring practice Tuesday and are entering off a 3-8 campaign that they would just as soon forget. Inexperience, mistakes and a porous defense — not to mention the discontinuity of three coaches in three years — contributed to what could charitably be called a learning experience.

"We knew going into last season that our youth and inexperience could be problems and that would be the case," Holmoe said. "However, that excuse

won't fly this year — for the coaching staff or, more importantly, the players. You learn a lot when you go through a season like last year and that experience will pay off for us this year."

Local athletes will have a significant impact on what kind of success the team has this year. Senior Derrick Gardner (6-0, 185), a Skyline alum, returns to add some experience to a secondary that was burned for 25 plays of 40 yards or more. His steadiness will be a factor, but Gardner is not known for his speed. Cal would like an improvement in that area.

On the plus side, Gardner had 10 pass deflections last season and returned a fumble 72 yards for a touchdown against Arizona State.

Freshman Langston Walker, the former Bishop O'Dowd star, comes in from redshirt land and will be given every opportunity to start at left tackle. The year off from competitive football has done wonders for his physique, as he is now 6-foot-8 and 340 pounds. Great size and quick feet could make Walker a college star and future NFL draft pick. But it's early yet and he may need more seasoning.

What he will get great coaching. Former NFL player and 49ers head coach Monte Clark has been brought in to work with the offensive line. Walker can only benefit from Clark's experience.

Senior wide receiver Bruce Pierre (6-1, 195) from Laney College, will compete for a starting position. Pierre had the unenviable job of being Bobby Shaw's backup last season, but still managed to catch four passes and score two TDs. Pierre will have to fight off a couple of hotshot freshmen receivers, including top recruit Michael Ainsworth, if he wants to play more.

Other East Bay athletes

Junior defensive tackle Roy Jackson (St. Mary's), freshman wide receiver Ryan Morehead (Bishop O'Dowd), junior center John Romero (St. Mary's), and freshman running back Rashad Solcumb (St. Mary's).

Spring practices are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with scrimmages on Saturdays. The first scrimmage will be April 4 at 2 p.m., but there will be no scrimmage on Easter weekend. Cal will practice April 18 starting at 2:30 p.m. and



Derrick Gardner's back in Cal's secondary which lacked speed in '97.

the final Blue-Gold scrimmage will be April 25 at 10 a.m. in Santa Rosa.

Weekday practices generally begin at 4:40 p.m. The April 20

practice, however, will be postponed until the next day, due to the Bear Backer Golf Tournament.

Defensive coach Arnsperger at Cal football clinic

One of the nation's leading defensive coaches, Bill Arnsperger, will be the featured speaker at the Cal Football Coaches Clinic this Friday and Saturday, at Memorial Stadium. All local prep and youth football coaches are invited to attend.

Arnsperger, was the defensive coordinator of the famous Miami Dolphins "No Name" defense of the 1970's, and more recently was the coordinator of the San Diego Chargers team that went to the Super Bowl three years ago. He will speak Friday evening on the "Fundamentals and Philosophy of Defensive Football."

The Cal coaching staff will also present seminars on various elements of offensive and defensive football during the two-day clinic.

The cost of the clinic is \$25 for those who preregister and includes dinner and a social on Friday evening and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. The group will also be able to observe Cal practices on both days. For additional information, contact the Cal football office at 642-3851.

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last year in the discus, where she was the state champion. She's also a threat in the shot put.

That wasn't enough, triple jumper Desirea English also returns. She placed seventh at last year's U.S. Championships, barely missing qualifying for state.

On the track, the Panthers are led

by Raanee Mahali, who runs the 100, 200 and 400 meter relay events and is SM's best long jumper. Sophomore Felice Guillory also competes in the 100, 200, 400 meters as well as the relays.

The abundantly talented Panthers get an infusion of new talent this year with a bountiful freshman class. Courtney Carey, Rianna Shaw, Jennifer Scott, and Christine Broady are already making significant contributions.

Carey competes in the 200 and 400 as well as relays, while Shaw runs hurdles and competes in the long, triple, and high jumps. Scott has had considerable success high jumping, while Broady runs the 100, 200, 400 and relays.

The Panthers have already experienced their share of success this season. SM easily won last week's opening ACCAL meet by dominating the field events. Mahali jumped 16-feet, 5-1/2

inches to win the long jump. English claimed the triple jump at 33-10. With Harris hobbling a bit and not competing in the high jump, Scott said thank you very much and jumped 4-4 to lead a SM sweep.

Harris did manage to win the 400 meters, and Ellen O'Dea won both the 1,600 and 3,200 meters as the Panthers defeated a strong sprinting El Cerrito, 127-54, and a token Kennedy presence, 127-8.

If that wasn't enough, SM placed third last Saturday at the Martinez relays at Alhambra High. The Panthers were led by Mahali who paced the team to second place finishes in the 400, 800, sprint medley, and long jump relays. Despite missing Harris, who missed the meet due to SAT testing, the Panthers 1,600 relay team finished a strong third.

As far as goals for this season, coach Jay Lawson says he just wants the team to continue its success. "We have a stronger team

this year," he said. "This is the first year we can afford to have girls specialize in their own event. We have a good group of freshman girls, and we want to see them improve over time."

Next up for SM is a home meet this Thursday with Piedmont, St. Joseph, and Holy Names. Also looming for the Panthers is this Saturday's OAL Invitational featuring the top teams throughout California.

The meet is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. at Cal.

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Volunteers needed for the Berkeley Free Folk Festival, scheduled for May 9-10, 1998. Two full days of music on the main stage showcasing local folk musicians. Call 843-3810.

The Open House Senior Center; volunteers needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social day care program each Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Part-time help is welcome and no experience is necessary. Call Ellen at 215-4340 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for more information.

Sakura Kai; meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; please write to 10890 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito, CA 94530 for our regular weekly calendar. For more info call 465-9323.

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Exhibits

April 3

Nature & Spirit III; through May 3; ongoing changing exhibition in all media by gallery artists; ACCI Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 843-2527.

April 4
Shields of Protection; 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Process Oriented Art by Tate Pearson; The Rendezvous Cafe, 1389 Solano Ave., Albany; 526-6069.

April 7
The Shape of Her Thoughts; through May 3; group show featuring Linda Miesko Allen, Carolyn Casta-no, Leona Christi and Sandra Wong; Traywick Gallery, 1316 Tenth St., near Gilman; Katrina Traywick or Robin Galas, 527-1214, for information.

Berkeley Art Museum
Wendy Ewald: Collaborative Portraits; April 1 through July 5
Jochen Gerz: The Berkeley Oracle; through May 31
2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley; 642-0808.

Richmond Art Center
Through May 16; The Big Annual Student Show; West Contra Costa Unified School district Jr. High and High School show; Awards Ceremony on April 9; 6 - 8 p.m.
Richmond Youth Show; Featuring Artworks by students in Richmond Area Elementary and Preschool, Richmond Art Center's Artist-in School Program and West County after school Enrichment Program.
At the Civic Plaza, 2540 Barrett Ave.; 620-6772.

"In Celebration of Passover: Contemporary Judaic Images"; through May 28; an exhibition of lithographs, serigraphs, original paintings and sculptures by leading Israeli contemporary artists; 1307 Solano Ave. Albany, 845-0653.

"Glimpses of Arcadia"; through June; works by Albany artist Carlo Ferretti; Foyer Gallery of the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany, 524-9283 for more info.

A.C.C.I. Gallery Exhibits:

Due to earthquake retrofit construction, call to confirm that the gallery is open. Through June 7; Front Gallery; crafts, "Be an Original," 75 artisans, ceramics, glass, jewelry, textiles; through May 3; Gallery Two; "Nature and Spirit 2"; paintings, prints, sculpture and photo; The Arts and Crafts Cooperative Inc., 1652 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley; 843-2527.

Kristallnacht: An Installation; through April 19, portraits in multi media, an evocation of the night of Nov. 9, 1938, when Nazi mobs attacked a Synagogue. Extended dates by popular demand; The Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, 549-6950.

Mexican Artist Rodriguez; through April 28; most recent works at the Cafe de La Peña, 3105 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley, 849-2568.

"Mythical Presence"; through April 19; a show of larger than life figures in ceramic and bronze by Mark Chatterley; A New Leaf Gallery; 1286 Gilman St., Berkeley, 525-7621.

Traywick Gallery; through April 15; Tim Jag and Amy Kaufman's exhibit of recent paintings and drawings; 1316 Tenth St. Near Gilman; 527-1214.

The Other Self; through April 5; works on paper by Helen Berger, Sally Weare and Shane Weare, three accomplished Bay area artists exploring the human condition and identity; Live Oak Park in Berkeley's Gourmet Ghetto; 1275 Walnut St.; 644-6893.

Exhibition of recent Paintings by Adriana Diaz; through April 10; University Lutheran Chapel, 2425 College Ave., 215-3206.

"Jewish Pictorial Carpets from the Anton Felton Collection, London" through April 19; a premier American exhibition of the world-renowned, seminal collection of Jewish pictorial carpets from Persia and the Jewish workshops of prestate Israel; 2911 Russell St.; 549-6935.

Old Masters Prints at the GTU; 5 - 7 p.m.; through April 5; The Flora Lamson Hewlett Library at the Graduate Theological Union features a display of woodcuts, engravings and etchings from the collection of Harry and Herta Weinstein; 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley, 649-2420.

Berkeley Art Museum

Hogarth and His Times: Serious Comedy; through April 19; works by William Hogarth, English Satirical printmaker.

Lectures and Workshops

April 3
Ernest Block Lectures; 4:30 p.m.; visiting Block Professor Izaly I. Zemtsovsky focuses on Russian-Jewish musician Moshe Beregovsky (1893-1961); sponsored by the Department of Music at UC-Berkeley; Elkus Room, 125 Morrison Hall, UC-Berkeley Campus.

Center for Psychological Studies; noon; "Applying the Narrative Model to Therapy Groups of High Risk Women" with Fran Dayan, LCSW; 1398 Solano Ave., Albany; 524-0291.

April 7
Discussion Group Berkeley; 7 - 9 p.m.; "Education: Comparative, Mandatory, Necessary?" a discussion group open to everyone, regardless of age, religion or viewpoint, light snacks to share are appreciated; Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut Ave., at Rose, Berkeley; Robert Berend, 527-9772.

"Treepot Biology: A Global Exploration"; 7:30 p.m.; with Dr. Mark Moffett, part of the Berkeley Natural History Museums "New Horizons in Biodiversity" series; 2050 Valley Life Science Building; 642-7540.

April 8
Spartanist League/U.S.; 7 p.m.; "China on the Brink: Workers Political Revolution or Capitalist Enslavement?"; 210 Wheeler, UC-Berkeley Central Campus; 839-0851 or (415) 777-9367.

City Commons Club
April 3; "The Future of Water in the Bay Area" with Barry Nelson, Senior Fellow, Save San Francisco Bay Association.

April 8; "Financing Development: Time for a New Look?" with Lawrence J. Kennon.

Wednesday mornings, 10 - noon; Speaker starts at 12:30 p.m.; \$1 admission with coffee, lunch served for a fee; 2315 Durant Ave. Berkeley; 848-3533 or 845-4725 for info or reservations.

Turning Point Career Center
April 7; 3 - 4 p.m.; "Interview With Confidence"; \$5.

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Literary Events

April 2
An Evening with Native American Poet, Novelist, and Screenwriter, Sherman Alexie; 7 p.m. reception; 8 p.m. reading; benefits Catholic Charities Program. Among Alexie's Works: The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven; First Congregational Church Hall, at 2345 Channing St. at Dana in Berkeley, for advanced tickets or further info, call 834-5657, ext. 3188; \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

Marilyn Chin; 12:10 - 1 p.m.; part of the Lunch Poems Series; Maude Fife Room, 315 Wheeler Hall, UC-Berkeley Campus.

Poetry Flash at Cody's; 7:30 p.m.; with Carolyn Lei-Lanilau and R. Zamora Linmark; Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley; 845-7852; \$2 donation.

GAIA Bookstore and Community Center

April 2; 7 p.m.; Alan Briskin, *The Stirring of Soul in the Workplace*.

April 3; 7:30 p.m.; Isabel Allende, *Aphrodite*; King Middle School, 1781 Rose St. Berkeley; \$7/\$10 door.

April 4; 6 p.m.; Kathleen Norris, *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*; April 6; 7:30 p.m.; Daphne Scholinski, *The Last Time I Wore A Dress*.

April 8; 7:30 p.m.; Kim Addonizio, *The Poet's Companion*.

April 9; 7:30 p.m.; Ilene Segalove, *Woman's Book of Changes: Spring Journaling*.

1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA.

The Ecology Center
April 5; 7 p.m.; Poetry from the Garden; Judith Offer, Gardening Out Loud; Adina Sara, Garden Growth.
1530 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley, 548-2220.

Meetings

April 7
West Contra Costa Division 58 of the California Retired Teachers Association; noon; a program follows the luncheon, a drawing will be held to award prizes for donating the A.L. Bernes Scholarship award; St. Luke's Methodist Church, 23nd and Barke Ave., Richmond; for reservations call 234-3046; \$8.

Ongoing
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Anxiety Phobic Support Group, for persons 40 and over on the first Sat. of each month, 10:15 - 12:15, At St. James' Lutheran Church, 1963 Carlson Blvd., Richmond. For info: 233-5543.

Emotions Anonymous, a 12 step program, meets Sundays at 8 p.m.; Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda (Near Solano), Berkeley; 527-1243.

Berkeley Camera Club; Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.; share your slides and prints and learn from other photographers. Monthly field trips; Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Wade at 531-8664 for more info.

Overeaters Anonymous; 7 - 8 p.m. Thursdays; OA provides free support through its 12-step program for overeaters, anorexics and bulimics; Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin, MOB II third floor, Richmond; for information call Stephanie at 841-8562 or OA's information tape at 273-9292.

Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program; 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Wednesdays; B.O.R.P. welcomes new members to its Older Adults Program, people with disabilities who are 40 years or older join with others for social activities, fitness, excursions and fun; South Berkeley Senior Center; call Meg Stenger, 849-4663, to sign up (nominal membership fee).

McGee Avenue Toastmasters Club; 7 p.m.; every second and fourth Monday of the month; talking to yourself? McGee Toastmasters is the friendly club dedicated to improving speaking skills and building confidence; Social hall of McGee Avenue Church, 1640 Stuart St., Berkeley; James Ella James, 548-5399 for more information.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics; 7:30 p.m.; the group meets each first and third Thursday of the month; The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics seek to affirm and to integrate sexuality and spirituality in the Christian faith through the Catholic tradition; Newman Hall, 2700

Dwight Way at College Avenue, Berkeley; Wendy, 849-3910 or Antonio at 841-7718.

Alzheimer's Association; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; second Saturday of each month; offering help, information and support to families and/or caregivers of a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease through their support group program; St. Paul's AME Church, 2024 Ashby Ave., Berkeley; (415) 962-8111.

Toastmasters on Campus; 6:15 p.m.; practice public speaking in a supportive environment; every Tuesday; 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; Odette Larde, 643-7645 (w) or Al Mangarin 970-4355 (w).

TOPS; 7:15 - 8:30; Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening; First Baptist Church, Richmond, Solano below Arlington; Betty Coates, 235-0490 for more information.

TOPS; 9:30 a.m. weigh in; 10:30 a.m. meeting; Albany Chapter, meets Monday mornings; 980 Stannage Ave., Albany; 528-9056 (Paul).

Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters; 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.; public speaking skills and metaphysics come together; ongoing meetings first and third Thursdays; 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; 848-6510.

Music

April 4
San Francisco Early Music Society; 8 p.m.; Arcangeli Baroque Strings, featuring J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concertos plus concertos by Telemann and Handel; St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley; 528-1725 for tickets; \$20 general, \$17 seniors and members, \$10 students.

Maybeck Studio; 8 p.m.; Larry Kanush world jazz ensemble; 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley; 848-3228; \$20.

April 5
World Sufi Music; 7 p.m.; featuring Musa Dieng Kala, Taneen, Saeed Najad; St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. Berkeley; (415) 472-6959; \$15 general, \$12 students and seniors.

American Bach Solists; 7:30 p.m.; J.S. Bach's "St. John's Passion" featuring Emily van Evera, soprano; Judith Malafrente, alto; Jeffrey Thomas, Evangelista; William Sharp Christus; James Weaver, Pilatus; First Congregational Church, Dana at Durant Street, Berkeley; 528-4400; \$18/\$25/\$32.

MusicSources; 5 p.m.; John Whitelaw and Hilde Rosseel harpsichord duo performing works for two harpsichords and four hands by J.S. Bach, Handel, and Francois Couperin; 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley; 528-1685; \$18 general, seniors, students, \$15.

Berkeley Art Center Association; 7:30 p.m.; The Jamison Trio plays Haydn's Gypsy Trio in G Major, Brahms Piano Quartet in G Minor with pianist Ann Kang; \$10 general; 1275 Walnut St. in Live Oak Park; 644-6893.

The 100 Voice Chancel Choir and Orchestra; 7:30 p.m.; performing Mozart's Requiem with Cheryl Keller, soprano; Marcia Gronwald, alto; Scott Whitaker, tenor; Randall Gremillion, baritone; First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St., corner of Channing, 848-6252, extension 241.

Hertz Hall Concerts
April 4; 8 p.m.; African Music and Dance Ensemble; \$8 general April 5; 8 p.m.; Beyond the Proscenium; \$8 general
April 8; 12:15 - 1 p.m.; A Mozart Serenade; free.

Corner of College Avenue and Bancroft Way on the UC Campus; 642-4864, information; 642-9988, tickets.

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Mazda's pleasant surprise

Arnold and Marion Wechter
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In Hollywood they call a picture that is known to the public a "stealer." This is also a way to describe Mazda's latest version of its midsize sedan, the 626. The midsize 626 is Mazda's best seller, but the success pales in the face of record sales of its two leading competitors, the Toyota Camry and Honda Accord.

As they say "life is unfair," because the 626 offers the virtues and values as a proposition.

Our test car was the top-of-the-line ES V-6 with a stick shift — and that's exactly what sets it apart from its Japanese cousins, which offer a similar combination.

If your needs call for a commuter car then we must admit you would be better with any of the four trim levels, DX, LX, LX, V6, equipped with an automatic. But if you demand a car with a little verve, one that provides you with sporty performance, the test car deserves a long look.

The stick shift combined with an improved V-6 engine makes for fun driving. The 2.5-liter, 170-horsepower V-6 has a higher compression ratio (to 9.5:1) and a new air-flow sensor which provides quicker response.

Marion, wife and co-tester, called its performance "a very pleasant surprise." We agreed that driving the car on open roads was fun and made the 626 a fine alternative to more expensive sports sedans.

It is a fairly economical engine. The EPA rating is 21 mpg City and 27 mpg Highway. The test car averaged 24.8 mpg in driving that included more freeway than city streets.

For those who believe a car is strictly transportation, Mazda offers a 2.0-liter, 125-horsepower four-cylinder engine. Either the four-cylinder or the V-6 can be obtained with a four-speed electronically-controlled automatic transmission.

The fun of the stick shift was increased by the particularly smooth unit on the 626 — never balky, Marion commented favorably on its ease of use.

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Pop quiz tests driving know-how

Drive, She Said

By Denise McCluggage

How much do you really know about tricky driving situations and routine car care? Here's a quiz with answers to acquaint you with information you may not already know.

1. If you want to take tender loving care of your

car, cost not a factor, you will buy premium fuel for it no matter what is recommended. True or false?

2. In a car equipped with anti-lock brakes, the brake pedal may pulsate under your foot, possibly along with a grating sound. This means: a.) The brake drums are worn and should be tended to as soon as possible. Pump the brakes gently to stop in a straight line. b.) The ABS system is working

as it was designed to do. Keep pressing your foot on the pedal. c.) The ABS needs to be "breathed." Take your foot off the pedal for an instant then quickly press hard again.

3. When taking a turn on icy or slippery roads, one of the following is inappropriate behavior: a.) Pump your brakes gently as you enter the turn. b.) Slip into neutral (with an automatic transmission) or declutch (with a

manual). c.) Avoid turning the steering wheel sharply.

4. The safest place for children to ride in a car is always in the back seat. True or false?

5. A good way to get more traction on an icy road is to let five to 10 pounds of pressure out of the tires, increasing the size of the contact patch. True or false?

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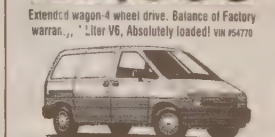


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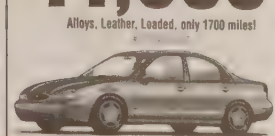


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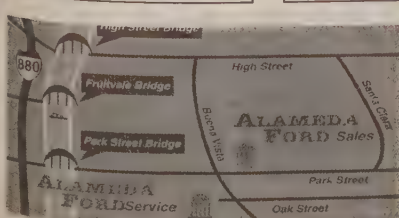
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As Californians used to sunny skies, we both have believed that traction control was for those poor souls who live where winter strikes hard.

Reality hit us this winter, however, when record rains hit, and we came to appreciate the standard traction control the test car provided.

The traction-control system, standard on V-6 models, uses wheel-speed sensors to detect wheelspin and automatically reduces engine output by adjusting fuel delivery and spark timing.

We could feel it working several times during a long drive during a particularly heavy storm. The system may be overridden by pushing a button on the instrument panel.

Unlike some of the competitive midsize sedans, the 626 V-6 models offer standard disc brakes at all four corners and an anti-lock brake system.

The brakes showed excellent resistance to fade and with a tougher set of tires the stopping distance should improve. The 626 comes with all-season tires and if it was our car we would quickly change to a tire with more grip.

Mazda has worked hard to make the new model's body stiffer and it shows. Noise, vibration and harshness rarely intrude into the cabin. Admittedly some of the super potholes shook us up — but that was caused by the highway, not by the car.

Not being a pure sports sedan, the 626's ride is somewhat soft. The power-assisted rack-and-pinion steering system responds well, but the suspension does have a tendency to subject the car to body roll, dive and squat when driven hard.

The 626's appearance won't embarrass you, but at the same time the car won't stand out in the supermarket parking lot. Like the competition it is styled conservatively — its good-looking exterior borrowing much of its styling from its bigger brother, the upscale Millenia. The chrome-accented grille looks like it came right off the Millenia.

The 626 comes off very well in the interior. It provides one of the most spacious cabins in its class.

Mazda publicists credit the manufacturer's OptiSpace design, which focuses on maximizing useful interior space while minimizing space required for mechanical components.

OptiSpace works and we both expressed pleasure with the rear seat space. Few

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midsize sedans allow my 6'2" frame to sit comfortable in the rear bench seat — this is not a problem in the new Mazda.

The interior room has been increased to 97.1 cubic feet — this is more than most of the competition, and the trunk has been expanded to 14.2 cubic feet.

"Women," Marion said, "will like how easy it is to load cargo into the trunk because of the trunk's large and low opening."

Interior storage space include a larger glove box, a larger center console and a covered storage bin, located where console meets the instrument panel.

The front bucket seats are comfortable and supportive. They may not be up to the seats in luxury sports sedans, but for their class they are excellent.

The instrument panel is filled with easy-to-read analog gauges, and all the controls are within easy reach.

The left stalk operates the headlamps, high beams and turn signal, while the right controls the windshield/wiper washer.

All 626 models come with a full complement of safety features. V-6 models have the added electronic traction control system and four-wheel disc brakes with ABS.

All meet the 1999 federal crash standards, the result of careful tuning of the crush zone and strategically placed reinforcements throughout the body structure.

The test car provided an alarm system with a vehicle immobilizer circuit. If you attempt to start the car without the proper key (which contains a microchip with one million possible code combinations), the fuel and ignition system will both be disabled.

Pricing is consistent with other midsize sedans. Our test car came with all standard features except for California emission controls and delivery charges.

These features included leather trimmed power front seats, air conditioning, power glass moonroof and much more with a price tag of \$24,595. And we bet in these days of tough bargaining, your friendly Mazda dealer might prove even friendlier than usual.

Penske adds Jaguar to its stable of star dealerships

DOWN THE ROAD

By Jill Amadio

If you're the legendary Roger Penske and you've already corralled German and Japanese dealerships across the country to include Mercedes-Benz, Lexus, Toyota, and Honda, and you own a national truck leasing business, several race tracks, race teams, and a diesel engine manufacturing company, it's time to bring in some British sheet metal.

This month, the Penske empire celebrates the ownership of its first Jaguar dealership, in West Covina, Southern California, mere miles away from the California Speedway, Penske's spectacular brand new NASCAR and Indy-car venue.

Team Penske Racing has won ten Indianapolis 500 races, and nine Indy Car Championships. The new speedway hosts Winston Cup and Winston West races in May and July this year, the International Race of Champions in June, and the CART season finale in October.

While no race cars were on exhibit for the formal opening of the new dealership, more than a dozen vintage E-Types were on show along with Jaguar's latest models.

"We only take on class products with long-term prospects, and Jaguar has much better offerings now," said Greg Penske, Roger's son and president of Penske Automotive Group, at the glittering reception attended by heavy-hitter owners and potential buyers. "With a boost from Ford, which bought the company a few years ago, Jaguar's cars are higher quality products than they were. There are more hot cars coming from this English company, too, and they'll fit perfectly into our top of the line and entry level offerings."

Those hot cars will include two sedans, the X200 mid-sized luxury car and the X400 small sedan that will compete with BMW's 3 Series, and an E-Class sports car, according to Gerald W. McGeorge, Jaguar's field service manager based at the company's US headquarters in New Jersey. Jaguar is also developing a multi activity vehicle for production early in the next century. The X200 is due to go on sale the first quarter of 1999, priced between \$40,000 and \$45,000, and the X400 in 2001, priced from \$30,000 to \$35,000.

While eager journalists have tried to catch a glimpse of the new designs, "the spy photos don't even come close," promises McGeorge, who added that the best-

selling XK8 coupe and convertible sports cars, which debuted last year, will receive supercharged engines in 1999. All of which indicates that over the next four years, Jaguar will progress from a company with two model lines selling 45,000 cars a year to a four-model line producing 200,000 annually.

"Penske approached us a year ago about a dealership," said McGeorge. "We know his reputation for investing in his franchises and running them as a first-class act, so we didn't hesitate. Plus, Ford has invested in us, and turned the company around. Since 1994, Jaguar has made a profit, so we're on a roll. We expect to triple our sales by the year 2000. We're going back into the Mark II Series, too, and that's exciting." Jaguar's prime markets are the Eastern Seaboard, Florida, and Southern California.

Jaguar cars are currently sold in 123 dealerships along with other makes. An additional fifteen dealerships are devoted exclusively to selling Jaguar models.

"We're adding more of these single showrooms, which will resemble the ambiance of a gallery rather than a car showroom," said McGeorge.

Home catering is also on the horizon from Jaguar

dealerships in future. Buyers anxious to avoid a whole nasty process negotiating a purchase, representatives ("we'll call them car salesmen") will bring the car to your home or office, or drop you off. Those already own Jaguar need service will be given same valet treatment.

Jaguar's present line-up includes:

- the best-selling sedan with its super V-8 engine and 370 horsepower;
- the highly-acclaimed XK8 coupe and convertible sports cars;
- the base XJ and XJL sedans, and an upgraded version;
- the elegant Vanish all powered by 4-liter engines.

In spite of including interiors, five-speed automatic transmission, impact airbags and the more powerful engines, pricing for Jaguar's 1998 lineup will remain at the levels.

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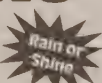
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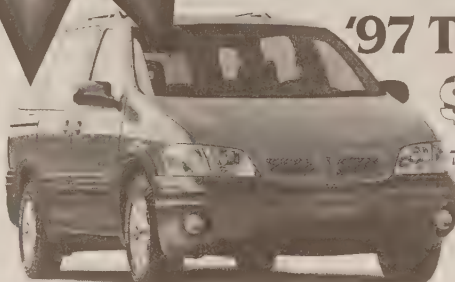
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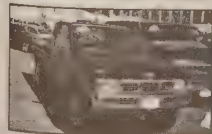
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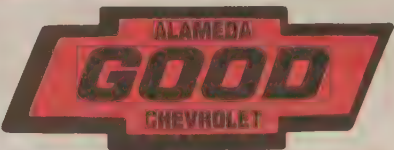
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Auto Q&A

By Todd Hayes

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A: Check the fuel filter on your motor home. If equipped with a Quadrajet carburetor, the fuel filter should be located inside the fuel inlet fitting on the carburetor. Also check any inline filters if they exist. If the filters are okay, be

sure the fuel pump is working properly. Have it pressure tested and be sure it is not leaking and all fuel lines going from the tank to the fuel pump are in good shape.

Make sure the engine is not running too hot and that no fuel lines are routed to close to hot engine components resulting in vapor lock. If the fuel system is in good shape, check that the ignition system is in good shape and the timing is set properly. See a certified technician for assistance.

Q: I have a 1992 Ford Thunderbird LX with a V6. The right front turn signal bulb does not work. I have tried several new bulbs with no results. If I turn on the hazard switch, the rear tail light bulbs and the left front bulb flash but the right front still does not work. The parking and headlights all work fine. I tested the socket with a

voltmeter and it seems there is no power to the socket. All the fuses are good and the wiring appears fine. What now?

Jeff Thompson - Houston, Texas, USA

I suspect the multifunction switch to be the cause of your Thunderbird's malfunctioning turn signal.

Mounted on the steering column, the multifunction switch consists controls the hazards, turn signals and windshield wipers.

Double check your Thunderbird's electrical system. If okay, suspect the multifunction switch.

If the multifunction switch is defective, then the repair should only be performed by a certified technician, especially on any vehicle that is equipped with air bags. Thanks so much for writing.

Q: I have a 1984 Buick Regal. After having extensive work done on it, it still does not run right. The service engine soon light comes on when I am at a stop and it is hard to start. I have also been noticing a fuel smell when I am driving. Any ideas? Helen Swayze - Houston, Texas, USA

A: For safety, have your Regal inspected by a certified technician soon. A fuel smell indicates carburetor flooding or a fuel leak. A carburetor flooding or running too rich results in rough running, hard starting and poor fuel economy. Be sure the computer command control system is okay.

If the computer detects a system malfunction, it will illuminate the service engine light and a service code will be stored. This code can be retrieved by a technician to aid in diagnosis. Good luck.

Q: I have a 1990 Jeep Cherokee with a power antenna. When I shut the car off or turn the radio off, the antenna will not retract.

A: Instead, I hear a whirring noise and unless I pull the fuse, the battery runs down. What causes this? Jeff Williams - Houston, Texas, USA

A: The antenna failing to retract indicates a broken antenna mast - the part you see going up and down. Inside the mast is a nylon cord used to raise and lower the mast by the antenna motor.

If the cord breaks, the mast will not lower and the motor will run continuously. The solution is to replace the mast or with some models, the mast and motor assembly.

Q: I have a 1989 Ford Ranger pickup with a 2.9 liter V6.

When I put the shifter in park, the motor surges and dies.

The injectors have been cleaned, I replaced the throttle position sensor, idle air valve and the processor.

I took it to a shop but they could not find the problem. Can you help me? Ted Cossio - Houston, Texas, USA

A: Have a certified technician check the basics and clean the throttle plates, taking the first step to correcting your Ford's stalling.

If there is no improvement, check for a faulty EGR (Exhaust Gas Recirculation) valve or MAP (Manifold Absolute Pressure) sensor.

If the EGR valve does not close properly or the MAP sensor sends erratic signals, stalling and rough idling will result. Good Luck.

Spare parts: what's new in the industry

NEW LEXUS: Replacing the successful Lexus LX 450 sport utility vehicle, the completely re-engineered LX 470 offers more power and more room. The 1998 LX 470 has a completely new platform, with only the transmission and transfer case carried over from the previous LX 450.

Among the latest highlights is a new 32-valve, 4.7-liter V-8 engine. The LX 470 comes nearly fully equipped, making it the best standard-equipped vehicle in the Lexus family. A tilt and slide moonroof is the only factory option.

CAR CARE: Kiwi Automotive Products debuts this spring with a complete line of car care products available at auto parts, grocery and drug stores.

Kiwi Brands executives decided to get into the automotive clean and shine business because of their long successful heritage of marketing polish and protectant products. Kiwi makes shoe shine products and is the maker of Endust.

INTERNET SHOPPING: J.D. Powers and Associates 1998 Dealer Satisfaction With Online Buying Study reveals that Auto-By-Tel achieved the highest level of satisfaction with dealers, followed by AutoVantage.

Auto-By-Tel was ranked first based on their ability to provide high quality sales leads to dealers.

CHEVY BLAZER: The 1998 Chevy Blazer has a bold new look and a host of new safety, comfort and convenience features for 1998.

On the outside, composite halogen headlamps and new turn signals are located in a tight cluster above the front bumper.

Combined with new grille and bumper treatments, the result is a bolder appearance with traditional Chevy styling. 1998 Blazers feature dual airbags, four-wheel disc brakes, and a theft deterrent system.

The daytime running lights feature automatic exterior lamp control that engages the full lighting system when darkness is detected.

ONSTAR CENTER: The Onstar communications, navigation system is now available in several 1998 General Motors vehicles. Cadillac, Buick, Pontiac-GMC, Oldsmobile and Chevrolet offer Onstar as optional equipment on most new models. Onstar's database contains 3.2 million listings, and is operated around the clock by advisors based in Troy, Mich.

SUPER DUTY: Ford Motor Company introduces the industry's first SuperCab with standard four doors in the over 8,500 pound Gross Vehicle Weight segment with its 1999 model Super Duty F-Series pickups.

The 25-inch wide rear doors hinge on the rear pillars of the cab and swing out 90 degrees from the door sill.

FORD ECONOLINE Offered in three series, tow body lengths, with and without windows, and in special ready-for-conversion configurations, Ford Econoline and Club Wagon offer flexibility on a large scale.

Models are powered by Ford's Triton family of advanced V-8 and V-10 engines. For 1998, the instrument panel lighting is green, instead of blue-green, and power door locks have a new local switch on the right-hand rear door for passengers and cargo-loading.

SIDE IMPACTS The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety reports occupants of passenger cars are six times as likely to die when they collide with a large truck compared with car.

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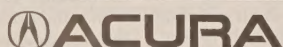
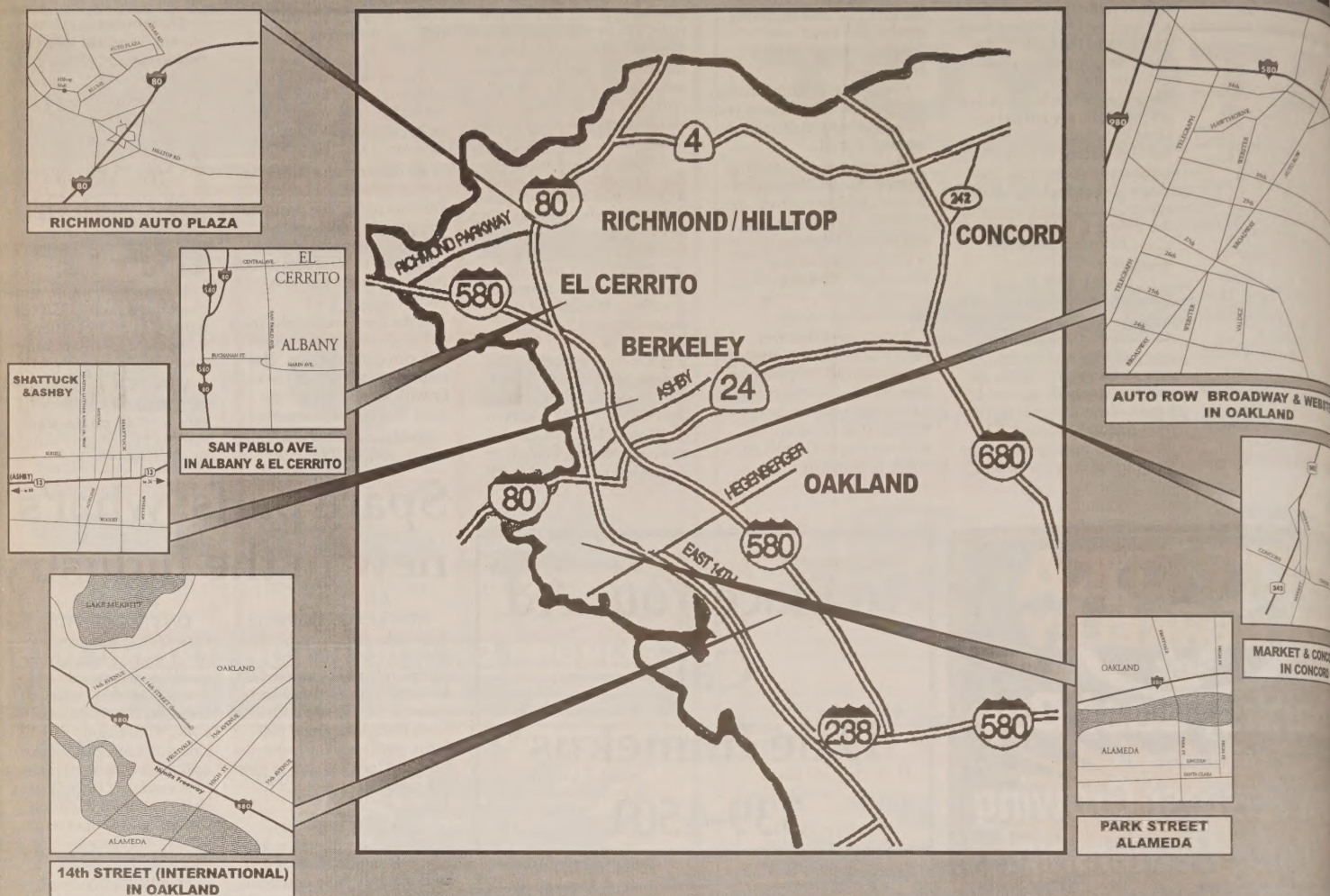
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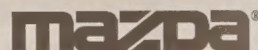
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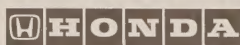


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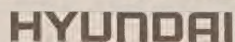
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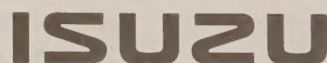
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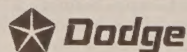
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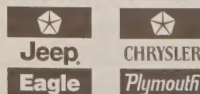
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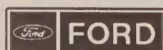
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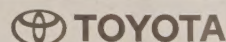
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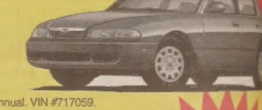
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